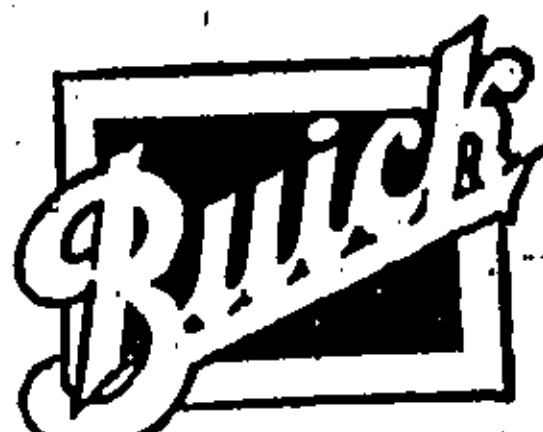




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CANTON "SAVED."

IRONSIDES GIVE UP THE CITY.
WEEK-END DEVELOPMENTS.

Kwangsi Faction Now Waiting To Enter.

GENERAL LI CHAI-SUM DUE BACK AT THE NEW YEAR.

Unless absolutely unforeseen circumstances occur, the fate of Canton need not be decided by an open clash in the city between the two factions now at war.

To all intents and purposes, Canton has been "saved." Dramatic developments during the holidays have followed the tension which existed in the city last week.

For a reason which is best known to themselves, the Ironsides have given up Canton without so much as firing a shot and the Kwangsi faction is now waiting to enter.

OPEN CLASH NOT EXPECTED.

The evacuation of the Ironsides was foreshadowed in the "China Mail" on Saturday.

Since then it has become apparent that the Ironsides are not going to launch a "vindication campaign" at all, or any other campaign for that matter.

All along they had held their ground. Their opponents, the Kwangsi military faction, had steadfastly refused to compromise.

Refugees poured into Hong Kong and other places, but fears have now been allayed because, if there is to be any fighting at all, it will not be in the city.

Ironsides Outnumbered.
There was no mistaking the attitude of the Kwangsi faction. In spite of the revival of General Chiang Kai-shek at Shanghai and Nanking, the big four of the Kwangsi group stuck to their policy, namely, that of re-taking Kwangtung province from the Ironsides who had rebelled against them.

General Li Chai-sum, the former Governor of Canton, did not come down by the "President McKinley," but is expected by the New Year.

General Wong Shu-hung is leading an expedition down the West River, the vanguards being now about 50 miles from Canton.

Generals Pei Chung-hsi and Li Tsung-jen are at Hankow, preparing to bring their armies southward by an overland route.

Even at present the Ironsides are sadly outnumbered.

Canton Not Demanded.
Troop trains have left Canton daily on the Kowloon line (Chinese section) to carry the Ironsides away to the East River and, incidentally, delaying the express to Hong Kong.

The last batch were away from Canton on Sunday and the complete strength of the Ironsides—about 20,000 to 25,000 men—is now between Sheklung (on the East River) and Waichow (higher up the East River).

That does not mean Canton is denuded of troops.

The city is held by a General who sided with the Ironsides against the Kwangsi faction last month.

Frantic Requests.
Honam, on the opposite bank of the River, is controlled by the Paper-sides who also deserted the Kwangsi faction.

It is difficult to think that either of the armies in Canton will flout public opinion which is now strongly in favour of General Li Chai-sum and the Kwangsi faction. And their attitude hitherto suggests that they will be ready to co-operate with the winning factor once more.

Frantic requests were made by the Ironsides of the Yunnanese mercenaries up the North River but the Yunnanese asked for terms which could not be fulfilled. Reports reaching the "China Mail" from various sources indicate firmness in the Kwangsi leaders now that they are so near Canton again.

Threat Bears Fruit.
Shortly after recovering Kowloon, the 13th division of Kwangsi troops threatened General Li Fook-lum of the Paper-sides with an attack unless he sided with them.

The "China Mail" Pakkai correspondent writes that on Christmas Eve the 13th division for-

bade all craft to leave Pakkai and otherwise took steps which portended immediate hostilities against Canton.

This threat seems to have borne fruit.

The pro-Ironsides outposts at Samshui (where the West River joins the delta) have been withdrawn, and the road from this point 40 miles eastwards to Canton is guarded by "neutral" troops, who are unlikely to resist.

Then came the Ironsides' farewell messages to Canton.

Successor Chosen.

At first the Ironsides said that they were going to clear out the "Soviet Government" in the Hoi-fung and Lukfung districts (between Swatow and Bias Bay).

Then it was announced that they were to attack the Kwangsi garrison at Swatow, having found Canton untenable.

Not in so many words, they now withdraw from the Government of Kwangtung, but they "refuse to hand over to the Kwangsi faction."

General Chen Min-chu, who is friendly both to the Ironsides and the Kwangsi faction, has been nominated by the Ironsides as their successor. However, he is much further from Canton than the Kwangsi troops, and he may not risk a clash with the Kwangsi faction.

Holiday Rumours.

The Ironsides are likely to wheel northwards and make for the interior where they are unlikely to meet any force unless they should invade some other province.

Rumours during the holidays suggested that the Ironsides were at grips with a pro-Kwangsi expedition (westwards) from Swatow but such is not the case. Then there were reports that the Reds in the Bias Bay hinterland had followed the coast eastwards and attacked the neighbourhood of Swatow.

It is correct that parts of the Han River basin have been overrun by Reds, but other rumours are unfounded.

Scares About Swatow.

A vernacular report stated that a B. & S. steamer missed Swatow because fighting had broken out in the port between the Reds and the Kwangsi troops and that villages in the vicinity were in flames.

This seemed inconceivable as Swatow is well guarded by the Kwangsi garrison.

Subsequently the Douglas Co.'s "Haihong" denied the report.

Inquiries were made at several places this morning, replies being unanimously to the effect that the rumour was unfounded.

Only on West River.

Movement of Kwangsi troops against Canton is confined to the lower West River and no other body is on the march except the Ironsides going away from Canton, now already 60 miles distant.

Swatow, Dec. 24.
The work of loading and unloading all cargo ships is being considerably delayed on account of the large number of Chinese coolies which are being impressed by local troops as baggage carriers.

There has been no interference with British firms or British subjects and the situation remains quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

INDIA'S TROUBLES.

Opening of National Congress.

PRESIDENT'S OPINIONS.

Demand For a Free And Self-Governing India.

Madras, Yesterday.
Dr. Ansari, in his presidential address at the 42nd Indian National Congress, urged the concentration of their energies and resources on fighting communal and political discord. He advised the Congress to have nothing to do with the Statutory Commission. He reiterated the demand for a round table conference between Indian and British plenipotentiaries as the only method which they could co-operate with Great Britain regarding the settlement of India's future.

He suggested that India should cultivate cultural relations and maintain friendly contact with Asiatic countries being of opinion that the best guarantee of freedom in Asia and the peace of the world would be free, self-governing India.

Official resolutions would be submitted favouring the boycott of the Commission, sympathising with the Chinese, demanding the recall of the Indian troops from China, Mesopotamia, and other Eastern countries, condemning Great Britain's "militarist aggression against Russia," and urging the British Government to cease war preparations in India and the Eastern seas.—Reuter.

MUSLIM SPLIT.

Rival Opinions in India.

Lahore, Sunday.

A definite split has occurred in Muslim ranks fundamentally on the attitude the All-India Muslim League should adopt towards the Statutory Commission and communal electorates. The trouble began as to who should preside at the League's next session. The Aga Khan declined and Sir Muhammad Shafi was then elected. Lahore was first chosen as the venue but on December 1 it was changed to Calcutta, whereupon the Aga Khan intervened and suggested Delhi or Aligarh, but Mr. Jinnah, President of the League's Council, insisted on Calcutta.

Consequently Sir M. Shafi has now resigned and there is a likelihood of two rival sessions being held simultaneously at Lahore and Calcutta.—Reuter.

STUDENT'S DEATH.

RESULT OF ALLEGED HORSE-PLAY.

YOUTH ARRESTED.

Alleged horse-play between students of St. Paul's College at the South China Athletic Association's Club Rooms in the China Building on Christmas night resulted in the death of a Chinese youth named Au Kwong-hoi and the arrest of another on a charge of manslaughter.

The two youths and some others gathered at the Club at about 8 p.m. on Christmas night, when some sparring took place between the lads. One youth was struck on the left temple and became dazed for a while. Then he went home to No. 46, Hollywood Road alone. A few minutes afterwards he complained of feeling dizzy, and soon became unconscious. At 1 o'clock in the morning, his condition was so serious that a doctor had to be sent for, and later the lad was removed to the hospital where he died at 8 a.m. yesterday. Death was caused by the bursting of a blood vessel in the side of the head as he is alleged to have received.

LADY HELD UP.

Miss Gladys Lee, a school teacher living at the King Edward Hotel has reported to the police that whilst she was walking in Queen's Road Central yesterday, a sneak thief snatched her handbag containing two passports, money, jewellery and two cheques worth \$375.

The fourth man arrested in connection with the shooting affair in which Sergeant McMahon and several members of a police picket were wounded by Chinese gunmen in Wing Lok Street, had been charged and will make his appearance in Court to-morrow.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Hong Kong in Festive Mood.

HOTEL CARNIVALS.

Special Treat For Service Men.

Favoured by delightful weather, Christmas was very enjoyably spent in Hong Kong this year, there being numerous private parties as well as carnivals and dinner-dances organised by the various hotels and restaurants, at all of which places accommodation was fully taxed. At the cinemas, too, attractive programmes were offered, and they did not lack patronage.

Christmas Eve was celebrated by a large gathering of local residents on the roof garden of the Hong Kong Hotel where a brilliant function was held. The venue was well "dressed up" for the occasion with seasonal decorations; and the dancing, to excellent music, was fully enjoyed.

A similar function was held at the Repulse Bay Hotel last night, when there was again a large gathering of merry-makers.

Carnivals.

A Christmas Eve carnival dance was held at the Lane Crawford Restaurant and was largely attended. The decorations were tasteful if not elaborate, and the celebrants here had a very merry time in home-like surroundings which made the function all the more enjoyable.

The Cafe Regent also held a carnival dance on Christmas Eve and received excellent support from its patrons, the fun being carried on until midnight, when Hong Kong's "goody-goody" law made it necessary to stop the revelry.

Service men were all catered for by the management of the Savoy Hotel who arranged special attractions on Christmas Eve at the Coal "Ole. Good music was provided and sandwiches were supplied gratis. The men were not slow to show their appreciation of the fine treat offered, and during the evening the place was visited by hundreds of boys in khaki and blue.

A Christmas Eve dinner-dance arranged by the management of the King Edward Hotel was a great success. The place was full by 8.30, the time the fun was arranged to start, and the hours ticked by surprisingly fast for the revellers, who were sorry when midnight came all too soon.

Captain Whitely and officers of the R.A.F. entertained a number of friends at Christmas tiffin on board the "Belgol," and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

The Churches.

The various churches held seasonal services on Christmas Eve night, and were all well attended. At the Roman Catholic Cathedral His Lordship Bishop Valtorta celebrated the Midnight Mass assisted by the clergy. An excellent feature of this service was the excellent singing and music of the choir. A special Pontifical Mass was also held on Christmas Day, when the choir again gave a good account of itself. Similar services were held at the other Catholic places of worship—St. Margaret's, St. Joseph's and the Rosary Church.

At St. Peter's Church the Mid-night Eucharist was well attended, whilst at St. John's Cathedral there was some excellent carol singing by the choir. At the Union Church, Kennedy Road, a feature of the service was a parade by the R.O.S.B. St. Andrew's Church also held a carol service, whilst, to cope with the large number of communicants, an extra celebration was held at 7.15 on Christmas morning.

Children sang the carols at the services, held at the Union Church, Kowloon, whilst the anthem was rendered by the choir. Offerings of toys were made by children for the sick and poor.

SIBERIAN MAIL.

OVER FIFTEEN HUNDRED BAGS HELD UP.

The Post Office in Shanghai is in receipt of the following report from the Postal Commissioner, Harbin, dated December 14:—

Siberian Mails.—Information "has been received" from Manchouli to the effect that over 1,500 bags, presumably printed matter and newspaper mails, are held up at Irkutsk for lack of accommodation in mail vans, and that they are being gradually forwarded by goods trains. It is believed that this information provides an explanation of the delays and irregular arrival of mails via Siberia, about which complaints and inquiries have been lately heard from several quarters.

BURMA EARTHQUAKE.

Residents In State Of Panic.

MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Minor Damage Suffered By Rangoon.

Rangoon, Dec. 18.
Burma has been shaken by the severest earthquake in years, according to reports here to-day, and casualties are reported throughout far outlying districts.

The quake lasted for ten seconds. It was experienced over a wide area, with damage at many points. Rangoon suffered minor damage and the inhabitants were thrown into a state of panic. They remained in the streets all night, fearing that another more severe shock might bring down buildings.

A famous Buddhist temple suffered considerable harm and many native dwellings were destroyed.—United Press.

"DAWN" MISSING.

SEARCH EXPEDITION SENT OUT.

ANXIETY IN AMERICA.

London, Saturday.

Anxiety is growing in America in regard to the fate of the occupants of the Amphibian seaplane "Dawn," which left Roosevelt Field last night for Harbour Grace with a view to making a trans-Atlantic flight. The occupants are Grayson, Oscar Omdal, pilot; Eric Goldsborough, navigator; and Fred Koehler, mechanic, no news of the plane has been received since it passed Cape Cod last night. The sea is rough and there is a strong wind.—Reuter's American Service.

In Wireless Communication.

Halifax, Yesterday.
A wireless message from Sable Island states that they were in communication with the aeroplane "Dawn" to the effect that something was wrong but had been interrupted by the storm.

It now appears that Sable Island received the communication from the "Dawn" on Friday evening, since when nothing had been heard.—Reuter's American Service.

No News.

New York, Yesterday.
The aeroplane "Dawn" has not yet been located. It is now 48 hours since it left Roosevelt field. A search expedition left Curtiss field this afternoon.—Reuter's American Service.

Little Hope Entertained.

Halifax, Yesterday.
There is little hope now for the aeroplane "Dawn," though it is still regarded as possible that it may be sheltering on an island off the coast. The last report came from Sable Island wireless station yesterday evening when faint signals were received, probably from the "Dawn," but their position could not be determined.

The government has instructed all stations to report any trace upon which, if feasible, Government vessels will be sent out immediately to find the plane.—Reuter's American Service.

AIR FATALITY.

FATHER AND SON BOTH KILLED.

AFRICAN TRAGEDY.

Johannesburg, Yesterday.
Mr. Oliver Davis, Secretary of the Durban Turf Club, piloted his son and attempted to fly from Durban to Johannesburg to attend a big race meeting. The aeroplane crashed at Dundee and both men were killed.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN VICTIMISED.

Mr. R. J. Paterson, staying at Potts No. 2 Bungalow at Sheung-shui, has reported to the Police that his room was entered during Christmas evening and property worth \$225 stolen.

A Chinese alleged to be responsible for the numerous thefts from shops recently by breaking the showcases, was arrested by the police last night when he broke the showcase of a shoemaker's shop in Wyndham Street and stole some shoes.

CHINA IMBROGLIO.

PIRATES ACTIVE ON YANGTSE.

BRITISH NAVAL PATROLS.

Missionaries Returning To Fukien Province.

CONDITIONS NOW GRADUALLY IMPROVING IN THE INTERIOR.

Although up-country reports from certain parts of China are discouraging, missionaries are now finding their way back to the southern part of Fukien province.

Conditions are slowly improving in the interior, thanks to fairly good efforts by the Government of Amoy which is administered by an Admiral of the Nationalist Navy there.

More trouble has occurred along the Yangtze River. In spite of measures by British Naval patrols, pirates have broken out again. Reports from all sources are given below.

CONCESSION EVACUATED.

Amoy, Dec. 20.
The political situation here remains quiet. The Nationalist Navy under the command of Admiral K. K. Lin continues to control Amoy. The administration is far from perfect but it might be a great deal worse. Business is permitted to proceed unhampered except for several illegal Tax Bureaus and a certain amount of labour agitation which rises and subsides according to the trend of events.

Missionaries Back Again.

Missionaries have all recently returned to their posts within the interior of south Fukien. Reports from them indicate that conditions there are slowly improving. Banditry is not so prevalent at it was. A certain degree of law and order, in the larger centres at least, seems to have been re-established. Communications in the form of good roads on which automobiles are used are being rapidly improved and extended. These activities are largely due to the work of the local Naval authorities in co-operation with their allies within the interior.—An occasional correspondent.

CONCESSION CLEARED.

No Troops Now in Chinkiang Area.

Chinkiang, Yesterday.

The British Concession (of about half a mile square) has been evacuated by the Nationalist troops.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Chinkiang is a Treaty port on the lower Yangtze, about 150 miles above Shanghai. Nationalist troops have occupied buildings therein for a long time and there have been several hitches in negotiations.]

PIRATES AGAIN.

Active on Upper Yangtze River.

Shasi, Yesterday.
Pirates on this part of the Yangtze River are again active in the vicinity of this port.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Shasi is on the upper Yangtze, 237 miles above Hankow. The country from Shasi to about 83 miles upward (to Ichang) has been the scene of several engagements with pirates during the last few weeks.]

Six Meet Their Doom.

Chenglin, Dec. 25.
The six pirates captured by a British Naval patrol from H.M.S. "Cricket," all severely wounded, have been handed over to the Chinese military authorities on this part of the Yangtze River and were all shot to-day.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Chenglin is not far from Shasi and Ichang.]
Casualties on French Ship.
Shanghai, Yesterday.

A telegram from Ichang states that the French steamer "Shuheng," while proceeding to Shasi, was pirated below Ichang on the 22nd instant. The pirates thoroughly looted the vessel, killing and wounding many of the passengers.—Reuter.

Bandits Further Down.

Anking, Dec. 24.

The appearance of bandits in this vicinity has been noted, but there are 10,000 Nationalist soldiers here, commanded by General Chen Tiao-yuan, and the town is quiet.

There are now no foreigners of either British or American nationality in the town.

A visit to H.M.S. "Scarab" was paid by Spanish priests.—British Naval Wireless.
[Note: Anking is on the lower Yangtze, 364 miles above Shanghai.]

LESS TROUBLE.

Conditions at Shanghai Now Improving.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.
The transport services, including electric and railless trams, are now being operated.

It is noticeable that the last few days have seen a big reduction in the number of armed robberies.—British Naval Wireless.

Workmen More Sensible.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.
The full train service was resumed this morning.

Former strikers are now assisting the Police to arrest agitators, realising that risks of reprisals have passed off with the departure of Soviet members, seventeen of whom, including Kovlovski, sailed on the "Sishan" this morning for Vladivostok.—Reuter.

HANKOW CABLES.

Nationalist Forces to March on Canton.

Hankow, Dec. 25.
According to a report received here, the Nationalist drive against Canton by way of Changsha will not long be delayed. The report is to the effect that an agreement has been reached between General Ho Chien, commanding the 8th, 35th and 36th (formerly pro-Hankow and anti-Nanking) Armies in Hunan and the commanders of the Nationalist forces.—British Naval Wireless.

General's Anti-Red Policy.

Hankow, Dec. 23.

The arrival of General Pei Chung-hsi with a bodyguard of several hundreds of well-armed troops from Shanghai is causing much speculation. It is commonly reported that he has broken with the Nationalists at Nanking.

Three Communists were executed yesterday, including the leader of the recent Communist rising at Tungshan, in the southwest of Wuchang city.

Arrests of labour leaders on the charge of being Communist agitators continue.—Reuter.

RACIAL FEUD.

THREE MEN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

FIVE KILLED.

Johannesburg, Yesterday.
Five natives were killed and 26 injured in a fight between rival factions in Western Township. Three of the injured men are not expected to live. A policeman was also injured, but not seriously.—Reuter.

FRENCH FLIGHT.

THE GEORGES GUYNEMER AT ALEXANDRETTA.

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LOCAL CRICKET.

EVERS SCORES CENTURY FOR "MARRIED."

A TWO-DAY FIXTURE.

Only two matches were decided in the local cricket league on Saturday—one in each division. The University, with the assistance of several junior division players, comfortably defeated the Civil Service C.C., and are now occupying the first position in the senior league, with a possible nine points in three matches. Although they are not regarded as serious contenders for League honours, the Varsity senior XI should not be taken too lightly as, with some very useful all-rounders in their ranks they may upset calculations where it is least expected of them.

The Kowloon C.C. 2nd defeated the Royal Navy 2nd in the junior league but the first three positions in this division remain unchanged, the University 2nd being still at the head of affairs.

Two very interesting friendlies were played. A definite decision could not be arrived at in the "Married" versus "Single" annual match, on the Hong Kong C.C. ground. Capt. A. N. Evers, who scored 101 not out for the Benefactors, hit 12 boundaries and a "6."

The Kowloon C.C. resumed their two-day match yesterday against the Royal Navy with a distinct advantage, the scores at the end of the first day's play being:—K.C.C.—1st innings 188, Navy 1st innings 5 for 28.

League Matches.

Division I.

C.S.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

At Happy Valley, the University defeated the Civil Service C.C. by six wickets.

Battling first, the home team made 104 runs. Of this total three of their batsmen contributed no less than 82 runs, Hawkins being top scorer with 37 to his credit; Wood made 26 and de Rome 19. Guterres took six wickets for 30 whilst S. V. Gittins, going on after three other bowlers had been tried, returned the analysis of 4 for 18.

Scoring consistently the University had lost only four wickets when they passed their opponents' total.

Scores:—

Civil Service C.C.
G. R. Sayer, c Lee, b Guterres 6
F. J. de Rome, b Guterres 19
A. E. Wood, c Ng, b Gittins 26
B. D. Evans, b Guterres 0
H. E. Strange, c & b Guterres 3
B. C. K. Hawkins, c Ng, b Gittins 37
E. W. Hamilton, c Guterres, b Gittins 0
A. W. Grimmit, c Traves, b Gittins 1
W. H. Edmonds, c Sling, b Guterres 2
F. H. Holdman, not out 1
F. J. Ling, c Lee, b Guterres 0
Extras 9

Total 104

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Guterres 12.5 3 30 6
Lam 6 2 19 0
Lee 3 0 14 0
Barrow 2 0 19 0
Gittins 4 1 13 4

University.

S. V. Gittins, c & b Evans 28
E. A. Lee, c Sayer, b Hamilton 10
B. P. Ng, run out 22
F. J. Zimmerman, c Hawkins, b Hamilton 17
F. H. Traves, not out 28
J. Barrow, not out 4
Extras 11

Total (for 4 wks.) 120

C. W. Lam, S. R. Kernani, A. P. Guterres, D. Laing, W. H. Sling did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Ling 4 0 13 0
Evans 6 0 38 1
Hamilton 9 0 29 2
Sayer 4 0 21 0
Edmonds 3 0 8 0

Division II.

K.C.C. 2nd v. NAVY 2nd.

Battling only 10 men the Royal Navy 2nd lost to the Kowloon C.C. 2nd by seven runs on the latter's ground.

The K.C.C. were all out for 88 runs, thanks to the fine bowling of Tansley (4 for 16) and Sparrow (5 for 34) but the Navy could only muster 81, the Rev. Murray capturing four wickets for 37.

The highest scorer on either side was Hamblin who, going in towards the end for the Kowloon C.C. made 24 not out. Scores:—

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI.

Rev. J. P. Murray, c Tansley, b Sparrow 6
G. A. V. Hall, c Hawkins, b Sparrow 3
C. T. Evans, c Tansley, b Sparrow 14
G. Lee, l.b.w., b Tansley 1
W. Hyde, c Pears, b Tansley 6
E. E. Lindell, c Collins, b Sparrow 4
A. B. Morton, c Tansley, b Sparrow 2

Total 88

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Tansley 8.4 3 16 4
Sparrow 13 2 34 5
Villiers 5 1 22 1

Royal Navy 2nd XI.

L. T. C. Hawkins, c Hyde, b Murray 0
S/L. T. Lonsdale, c Hyde, b Hargreaves-Brown 12
L. T. Cecil, b Murray 16
L. T. C. Majendie, b Hargreaves-Brown 3
Mid. Villiers, c Murray, b Lee 10
L. T. C. Pavers, c and b Lee 10
L. T. C. Tansley, c and b Hyde 18
L. T. C. Moore, c Morton, b Murray 0
Sub-Lt. Collins, b Murray 0
E. R. A. Sparrow, not out 1
L. C. Pears (absent) 0
Extras 11

Total 81

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Murray 12 1 37 4
Hargreaves-Brown 10 2 21 2
Lee 5 0 9 2
Hyde 4 0 3 1

A. T. V. Smith, c Hawkins, b Villiers	4
V. Hamblin, not out	24
O. B. Raven, c and b Tansley	8
A. Hargreaves-Brown, b Tansley	0
Extras	16
Total	58

Bowling Analysis.	O. M. R. W.
Tansley	8.4 3 16 4
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Royal Navy 2nd XI.	O. M. R. W.
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S/L. T. Lonsdale, c Hyde, b Hargreaves-Brown	12
L. T. Cecil, b Murray	16
L. T. C. Majendie, b Hargreaves-Brown	3
Mid. Villiers, c Murray, b Lee	10
L. T. C. Pavers, c and b Lee	10
L. T. C. Tansley, c and b Hyde	18
L. T. C. Moore, c Morton, b Murray	0
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LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I.

University	P. W. D. L. Pts.
Craigengower C.C.	3 3 0 0 9
Indian R.C. "A"	3 2 1 0 7
Royal Navy	3 1 2 0 5
Chinese R.C.	5 1 2 0 5
Civil Service C.C.	4 1 1 2 4
Kowloon C.C.	1 0 1 0 1
Indian R.C. "B"	4 0 1 3 1
Royal Artillery	3 0 0 3 0

Division II.

University 2nd	P. W. D. L. Pts.
Club de Recreio	4 4 0 0 12
R.A.O.C.	4 3 0 1 9
Kowloon C.C. 2nd	4 2 1 1 7
Royal Navy 2nd	4 2 0 2 6
Civil Service C.C.	3 1 0 2 3
Electric R.C.	3 1 0 2 3
Police R.C.	5 1 0 4 3
"Tamar"	3 0 1 2 1
Royal Engineers	2 0 0 2 0

Friendly Matches.

H.K.C.C. "MARRIED" v. "SINGLE"

The annual Hong Kong C.C. fixture "Married" v "Single" was drawn, the result being in favour of the former team who scored 192 for 4 wickets declared, as against the latter's 90 for 5.

A feature of the match was a brilliant not-out century by Capt. A. N. Evers for the "Married."

His second-wicket partnership with T. E. Pearce (49) realised 117 runs. Foster (26 not out), Batger (17 not out), the only batsmen to get into double figures for their side, played out time, after the "single" XI had lost five wickets. Griffin took three wickets for five runs a-piece. Scores:—

"Married."

D. W. Leach, b Reid 9
A. H. Gillingham, c Lammert, b Foster 21
Capt. A. N. Evers, not out 101
T. E. Pearce, c Reid, b Summers 49
J. E. Hancock, b Summers 40
R. H. B. Hancock, not out 1
Extras 11

Total (for 4 wks., dec.) 192

F. Syme-Thomson, J. Norrie-Owen, C. P. James, H. Griffin, C. C. Stark did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Reid 10 2 35 1
Summers 10 2 26 1
Foster 5 0 23 1
Wales 11 0 69 0
Armstrong 1 0 14 0
Batger 3 0 19 0
Lammert 1 0 5 0

"Single."

J. H. Armstrong, b Griffin 4
G. F. H. Richard, c & b Griffin 8
G. P. Lammert, l.b.w., b Griffin 7
K. Batger, not out 17
C. D. Wales, c James, b Norrie-Owen 2
J. A. Summers, c Stark, b Hancock 6
R. Foster, not out 28
Extras 20

Total (for 5 wks.) 90

J. Healing, A. Reid, E. R. West, J. R. Hinton did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Leach 9 5 11 0
Griffin 9 2 15 8
Norrie-Owen 6 0 37 1
R. H. B. Hancock 5 1 7 1

K.C.C. v. ROYAL NAVY.

The Kowloon C.C. knocked up the useful first-innings total of 188 runs in their two-day match against the Royal Navy and had accounted for five of the opposing batsmen for 28 runs when stumps were drawn.

The brothers Fincher (E. C. 61, E. F. 39) made 100 runs between them whilst Lyle helped with 28. Goodwin was in splendid bowling form and was chiefly responsible for the small score put up by the Navy. In taking four wickets he gave away only five runs and in one over just missed the "hat-trick."

Scores:—

Craigengower C.C.

H. P. Lim, b Lake 0
E. Zimmerman, c Gordon, b Hale 0
U. M. Omar, b Lake 4
J. W. Leonard, b Hale 6
S. Abbas, b Lake 17
N. Mackay, c Greenaway, b Lake 1
L. Lake, run out 0
W. B. Musket, b Lake 0
S. Hachima, b Hale 6

Total 59

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Goodwin 8 5 5 4
Lyle 6 1 14 1
Brace 2 2 0 0

Royal Navy.

After dismissing the home team for the small total of 48 runs, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps had no difficulty in defeating the Craigengower C.C.

Lake and Hale, bowling unchanged and taking 5 wickets for 27 runs and 4 for 21 respectively, were responsible for the downfall of the C.C.C. S. Abbas (17) being the only batsman to reach double figures.

While the fifth wicket pair was still batting, the R.A.O.C. had passed the home team's score, Burger's 19 not out being the biggest individual contribution. Scores:—

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In response to the yacht's S.O.S., two lifeboats and two tugs went out but the colliding vessels, though damaged, were able to reach Southampton.—Reuter.

COMMITTS SUICIDE.

ECHO OF JAPANESE DISASTER.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Captain Mizuki, ex-commander of the cruiser "Jintsu," holding himself responsible for the naval disaster of August 24, when the "Jintsu" sank the destroyer "Warabi," has committed suicide.

The Court Martial, which had been trying Mizuki and others in connection with the disaster, was expected to declare its final verdict to-morrow.—Reuter.

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Captain Thompson and the Chief Engineer were drowned.—Reuter.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Nagasaki on December 25 at 5.30 a.m. left Nagasaki same day at 1 p.m., and was due at Shanghai yesterday at 4 p.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "St. Albans" left Moji for this port on December 25 at p.m., and is due here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on December 22 at 11 a.m. left Yokohama same day at 5 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 29 at a.m. She will sail for Manila on December 30 at 5 p.m.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.

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MEDITERRANEAN FLEET COMMAND.

VICE-ADMIRAL APPOINTED.

London, Saturday.

The Admiralty announces that Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet in succession to Sir Roger Keyes, to date from May 1, 1928.—Reuter.

Hero of Zeebrugge.

Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, Bart, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., has been Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Station since June, 1925. He served in the Chinese rebellion with distinction and was later Naval Attaché. He was Commodore of the Submarine Service when the Great War came. He organised the brilliant Naval attack on Zeebrugge and Ostend on April 23, 1918. From 1919 to 1921 he was Rear-Admiral commanding the Battle Cruiser Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet, and from 1921 to 1925 he was Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff. He was promoted Admiral in March, 1926.

Wounded at Tientsin.

Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Laurence Field, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.B., C.M.G. has been Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff since 1925. He landed from the "Barfleur" in the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1900 and was wounded in taking Tientsin, being mentioned in despatches and receiving the China medal (Relief of Peking clasp). He was promoted Rear-Admiral in 1919 and Vice-Admiral in 1924. In 1916 he was in command of H.M.S. "King George V" at the Battle of Jutland. Subsequently he became Chief-of-Staff to the Admiral, second-in-command of the Grand Fleet; then Director of Torpedoes and Mining at the Admiralty; 3rd Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy; Rear-Admiral commanding the Battle Cruiser Squadron; and Vice-Admiral commanding the Special Service Squadron during the world cruise.

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MOREA	10,953	12th Jan.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Jan.	Strait & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KRYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,853	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	8,185	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,585	17th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.

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SANTHA	7,754	15th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,986	22nd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	8,853	29th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KRYBER	9,114	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	8,185	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	19th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,585	26th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KARMALA	9,128	5th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,946	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
* ST. ALBANS	4,500	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
* LAHORE	5,254	26th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	2nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	9th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	23rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	30th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	7th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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COMPANY CELEBRATION AT ANTWERP.

The oldest British steamship company, the General Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., which recently celebrated a century of good work, has just provided the inspiration for a notable function in the Port of Antwerp. All the shipping interests of Europe, with appropriate government representation, were present at a banquet recently held in the salons Sarteel, rue Leopold, Antwerp. The company's steamer "Hirondelle," which just reached the port under the command of Captain Nightingale, and this was the 10,000th arrival in the Port of Antwerp of a vessel on the London-Antwerp service.

Mr. Stanley Sparkes, a director of the company, was supported by Monsieur Anseele, the Belgian Minister of Marine, and various municipal representatives. M. Anseele reminded the gathering that the first G.S.N. ship appeared in Antwerp 13 years before there was a railway on the Continent. To-day more than 100 fine modern steamers of the company called each year in the Port of Antwerp.

Mr. Leon Derison, the Antwerp director of the company, drew a picture of the advancement of the G.S.N. Co. in Continental shipping. He paid a glowing tribute to the way the company had built up a close co-operation with shippers and merchants. After the British Consul in Antwerp, Mr. Rowley, had expressed the opinion of local shipping interests in the effect that the G.S.N. Co. gave Belgium the best possible shipping service, M. Cauwelaert, the Mayor of Antwerp, said the company was seen older than the port itself. Antwerp was an official port, had not started to function until 1866. He concluded with the hope that Anglo-Belgian shipping interests would grow still closer and more mutually beneficial.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived here by the s.s. "Kashgar" on December 23 from the North included:—
Miss L. Brownell, Mrs. I. Burt, Mr. E. V. Clarke, Mr. R. E. Coxon, the Misses M. and R. Creighton, Mr. W. K. Chung, Mr. C. O. Chan, the Misses C. and M. Chu, Mr. J. Dueroux, Mr. H. Fairburn, Mr. J. C. Finch, Mr. R. L. Laird, Mr. H. P. Hudson, Miss C. L. Laird, Mrs. D. W. Leach, Mr. A. Lee, Mr. T. F. Lam, Miss E. K. Marshall, Mrs. Sharp, Miss L. Shop, Miss F. L. Taylor, Mr. S. N. Tiao, Mr. Y. Tseng, Mr. J. T. Ward, and Mr. Yuen Sou-man.

Passengers on the P. & O. s.s. "Devanah" which arrived on December 23, from London via Suez and Singapore were:—

Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy, Lt. Baile, Miss M. Bannerman, Mr. and Mrs. Borman, Mrs. Bowden, Mrs. E. L. Brown, Capt. Cumming, Mr. St. G. Clark, Lt. Copeman, Mr. Cromarty, Mr. and Mrs. Course, Mr. C. H. Calder, Mr. Day, Capt. and Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. English, Miss Fleet, Mr. F. Flashman, Mr. and Mrs. Giammo, Mrs. E. L. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Graybrook, Miss Gordon, Mr. H. Hall, Mr. Haynes, Mr. J. C. Hibbert, Mr. Harrison, Mr. C. D. Hay, Sub. Lt. Jackson, Capt. Kilbee, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Kench, Mr. Kench, Mr. Kerr, Miss G. Lee, Miss M. Lee, Mr. W. Marsh, Mr. L. J. Marr, Mr. W. H. Morris, Mr. Manning, Miss McMillan, Mr. McGregor, Com. McCartan, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. McKelvie, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. W. E. Nops, Mr. A. Plesman, Mr. Pugh, Mr. W. Peash, Mr. Pearman, Mr. Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Rous, Miss W. Robinson, Mr. L. Rubinstein, Mr. J. W. Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. Stagg, Miss J. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Turbyne, Mr. and Mrs. Trickey, Mr. Tate, Miss M. Wilson, Mr. H. L. Ward, Mr. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Cramp-ton.

DEPARTURE.

Hong Kong passengers on the P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" sailed on Dec. 24 for Singapore and London were:—

Mr. J. Anderson, Mr. A. Baker, Mrs. Chin Nam, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Didsbury and family, Mr. L. J. H. Edge, Eng. Comdr. A. E. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Gourlay and family, Mr. G. F. Graver, Mr. W. Lavery, Mr. A. Lockett, Miss K. Madden, Mr. H. F. D. Marsh, Mr. W. C. Mitch, Mrs. H. R. Northey, Mr. W. Orr, Mr. W. J. McI. Padden, Mr. and Mrs. W. Parkinson, Mr. T. Sheppard, Mr. D. Shewakran, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sitters, Mr. W. T. Sparkes, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stevenson and family, Mr. T. A. Thorau, Mr. K. Toft, Miss Too Tung-mei, Miss F. Watt, Mr. F. A. Wells, Mr. E. G. S. Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Young, Mr. J. N. Young, Mr. C. F. Young.

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Tiau via Swatow & Shanghai	CHAKSANG	Sun., 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSING	Fri., 30th Dec., at 5 p.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Fri., 30th Dec., at 5 p.m.
Kobe via Amoy, Moji & Yokohama	KUMSANG	Wed., 28th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Sun., 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed., 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	FOOSHING	Wed., 28th Dec., at 8 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	SUISANG	Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
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MOTOR NOISES.

In the local Magistracy the other day many interesting things were said regarding motor noises. Some were more interesting than their significance was legal. However, matters of a similar nature, we observe, are being discussed at home, the notification of the Home Secretary, Sir Joynson-Hicks to the Chief Constables of the country urging them to put into force the powers they possess against motorists whose cars offend in respect of unnecessary noise having met with wide approval. It is not as noise that we rail against the honking of motor cars; it is as unnecessary noise. Noise, in some form or other, is inevitable; and against it we develop certain means of protection. Against the unnecessary noise no protective measures instinctively exist, or are developed, and hence its danger. No observant person, observes one of the critics, needs to be reminded that the most modern type of motor car is comparatively silent in its movement. It is precisely for this reason that it is obliged to make a noise, for it must warn pedestrians of its approach. And the carelessness of the man in the street is no small factor in adding to the babel of noises which arise from the endeavour of the drivers of vehicles to prevent accidents.

On the other hand, the occasion for sounding a warning is often needlessly increased by the resort to excessive speed on the part of the reckless driver. The problem, however, has become intensified not because it is necessary to make known the ap-

proach of the motor vehicle, but because far too liberal use is made of the ear-piercing instruments employed for that purpose. The screech of the mechanical horn, compared with which the bulb horn is but a gentle admonition, threatens to make life in our great cities unendurable. It might be urged that something strident is required to soar above the normal din of traffic in busy thoroughfares, but the trouble is aggravated by making the maximum of noise in circumstances where it is wholly uncalled for.

Besides the mechanical horn there are other contributors to the hideous cacophony which is putting unnecessary strain upon the nervous system of people who cannot escape from it. The noisy exhaust, especially of the motor cycle, ought to be suppressed, and as mechanical silencers can be used for this purpose there is no apparent reason why it should add its quota to disturbances that are preventable. The heavy motor lorry is an offender, too, but one that has some claim upon toleration, for we would fare ill if there was no need for its services. Yet it may be hoped that the time will soon come when the advantages of motor traction for merchandise will not be diminished though it advertises itself less conspicuously in the public streets. Life has become so strenuous and complex that we should not be compelled to suffer avoidable irritation. And there can be no doubt that noise is a prolific source of irritability.

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Sentence of nine months' imprisonment for embezzlement was passed at Hampstead, N.W., on William Alexander Cochran, who on October 14 last was dismissed from the post of superintendent of Hampstead Cemetery after 35 years' service.

The sums with which he was charged with embezzling were £5 2s. and £3 15s., belonging to Hampstead Borough Council.

It was stated that his salary was £504 a year, besides a house. Investigation showed that from 1920 he had taken sums amounting to £1,409. In one case he sold a grave site for £500 and kept the money, and in another kept £40 received for the maintenance of a grave.

Mr. Hornby, for Cochran, asking the Bench to show mercy, said that Cochran had brought ruin not only on himself but also on his wife, two daughters, and a son. He was penniless when within sight of a good pension.

AMOY CONSUL.

AWARDED LEGION OF HONOUR.

MR. FERNAND ROY.

The French Consulate garden was the scene of one of the most impressive ceremonies ever witnessed here when on December 19, M. Fernand Roy, Consul of France, and Senior Consul of Amoy, was awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honour at the hands of Admiral J. Stoltz, Commander of the French Naval Forces in the Far East.

It was high noon when the Kulangu Police Corps, under the direction of Captain-Superintendent G. R. Bass, appeared on the Parade grounds leading a contingent of Marines from H.B.M. s.s. "Somme" and the French Battleship, s.s. "Jules Michelet," led by a military band from the latter. In addition there was a large crowd of foreign and Chinese friends present to witness the popular Consul receive the highest honour of his country.

The Marine Companies and the Police Corps formed a Guard of Honour around Monsieur Roy, who was accompanied by a group of nine French Naval Officers, all of whom were members of the National Order of the Legion of Honour. Admiral K. K. Lin, the local Consular Body, and various high Chinese Officials were also present. After the ceremony the officers and the local residents assembled gathered at the Consular residence in the form of a congratulatory reception where Champagne was freely served.

Later in the afternoon Monsieur and Madame Roy, in honour of the occasion, gave a reception at their residence for the visiting officers and the foreign residents of the Port. The band from the battleship "Jules Michelet" furnished music, and after tea had been served, the spacious reception room was cleared for dancing and merry-making.

Services In Yunnan.

A membership in the illustrious Order of the Legion of Honour has been awarded M. Roy in recognition of his particularly distinguished services in Yunnan in 1922. At this time he was still a Vice Consul. Circumstances necessitated calling away his senior and superior Official, thus leaving M. Roy alone to deal with an exceedingly difficult situation. The arduous task of overcoming the difficulties before him were firmly met. The tact and diplomacy displayed in arriving at solutions of difficult and perplexing problems soon attracted the attention of his home Government. So outstanding and conspicuous was the excellence of his work that he has been given this elevated rank and honour.

For twenty-three years M. Roy has been in the service of the French Government. He came to China in 1911, and immediately joined the Consular Service of France in Shanghai. Here he was located for nine consecutive years, after which he was transferred to Yunnan. There he served as Vice Consul for three years. His next move was to Chungking where he remained until 1925, as Acting Consul. In December of the same year M. Roy came to Amoy and reopened the Consulate which had been closed during the War. In January, 1927, he became Senior Consul in Amoy, and since that time he has continued to distinguish himself as an able diplomat in maintaining amicable relations between the Chinese and Foreigners in his District. In addition to regular duties and the extra work which devolves upon M. Roy as Senior Consul, he has also been looking after the Spanish interests in his District since May of this year.

His many old friends in Shanghai will not doubt remember M. Roy as a prominent actor in the A.D.C., of which Club he was for some time Stage Manager. He was also an active member of Cercle Sportif Francaise. Among his other activities during his residence in Shanghai, he was an Officer in the French Volunteer Corps, and was during the War in command of French Troops in Shanghai—Contributed.

BOGUS £1 NOTES.

PRINTED IN GERMANY AND SHIPPED TO AFRICA.

A British West African native named Emmanuel Bruce was sentenced to four years' imprisonment at Nuremberg for issuing counterfeit English banknotes. Bruce prevailed upon a Nuremberg engraver named Hayden to print for him 100,000 £1 notes, which he shipped to West Africa concealed in mattresses and empty oil barrels. His relatives in West Africa put the notes into circulation, but were arrested and imprisoned.

Bruce and Hayden were arrested at Nuremberg on the complaint of the British authorities. Hayden, who pleaded that he printed the notes thinking they were an advertising device, got off with one month's imprisonment.

FAMINE RELIEF.

A MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN.

NORTHERN DISTRESS.

A million dollar campaign is being organised by the China International Famine Relief Commission for the relief of famine in Shantung and Chihli, according to announcement made public by the Famine Commission. On the strength of the latest reports, it is estimated that in the seventy helen affected by this year's drought and locust visitations, there are at least four million people (an earlier report put this figure at nine million) who suffer and look for assistance. Hundreds of thousands wander about the countryside in seek for food and livelihood. Already 25,000 have arrived at Tsinan. Local officials have established four soup-kitchens which distribute food to these people. The Shantung Committee of the Famine Commission is distributing emergency relief in 19 worst helen and more funds are urgently needed, hence the campaign.

ELONGATED WOMEN.

U.S. EXPERT ON VIVACITY WITHOUT VITALITY.

Mr. Bernard MacFadden, the father of the physical culture movement in the United States and America's leading exponent of the strength-and-beauty crusade, was entertained at dinner by M.P.s at the House of Commons on Nov. 16. Mr. MacFadden has not been in Great Britain since before the war, and the impression he has gathered of the physical qualities of our people seems to be far from complimentary. To a "Daily Mail" reporter he said:

The people of Britain are not nearly so good physically as when I saw them last 14 years ago. I can account for it only by the fact that they have not yet recovered from the depressing influence of the war. If there was one distinctive attribute of British men and women in pre-war years it was their liveliness and quickness of demeanour, and deportment, but this is now glaringly missing. The defect is noticeable both in your men and women, but the boys and girls I have seen are better all round. British womanhood, at the cost of appearance and health, is developing the tall, thin, elongated species. They have become more vivacious, but their vivacity is forced and unnatural. They possess vivacity without vitality.

FIRE DILEMMA.

MAN UNABLE TO GIVE ALARM BECAUSE OF CHILDREN.

So real was the danger to which hundreds of children were exposed when a fire broke out at the back of a butcher's shop in Middlesex Street—"Petticoat-lane"—Aldgate, London E., on Nov. 16, that the man who discovered the outbreak had to remain on the spot without giving the alarm until he could find someone else to call the fire brigade.

The fire broke out in premises occupied by Messrs. E. Barnett and Co., Ltd., butchers. W. G. Morse, a corporation workman employed at buildings overlooking the back of the butcher's shop, said to a "Daily Mail" reporter:

Almost a second after I saw smoke coming through the roof flames burst through. I could smell the fat burning. Sparks and boiling fat were falling all over the place. Hundreds of children were playing in the courts of the buildings, and they rushed for front places to watch the fire.

I had to drive them back and keep them from harm until I found someone who could give the alarm. The fire brigade quickly subdued the outbreak.

ROBBED DEAD WOMAN.

NURSE FINED £20 & ORDERED TO RESTORE MONEY.

A charge of robbing a woman patient who died in a Bayswater nursing home was made against Edith Lucy Manning, aged 36, a nursing sister, at Marylebone Police Court.

She was accused of stealing two £5 Bank of England notes belonging to the trustees of the late Mrs. Blois-Turner, of Sandling, near Maidstone, Kent. Manning pleaded guilty.

It was stated that after Mrs. Turner died Manning handed over to the matron the handbag and other articles that had belonged to the dead woman. A sister of Mrs. Turner later became suspicious about the contents of the handbag and the police were informed. Two of the missing notes were traced. When questioned Manning told the police she got one from a gang of card-sharps and the other from some old clothing. Later she was arrested and admitted that she had the two £5 notes and another £20.

Mr. Bingley, the magistrate, fined her £20 and ordered the restoration of the stolen money.

P'RAPPS-P'RAPPS NOT!

Will the Dragon swallow the Rose in the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup match to-day?

A Scottish merchant at the close of his financial year called his staff together.

"Well, men," he said, "we've had a splendid year, and I'm going to divide £100 between you. I've written out three cheques, one for Mr. McGregor for £40, one for Mr. Gordon for £25, and one for Mr. Grant for £25. I congratulate you all for the way you have worked and if you do as well during the next twelve months I'll sign the cheques."

Proud Mother: My boy has a wonderful ear for music. I am sure he will become a great conductor.

Bored Guest: Really? 'Bus or tram?

Two men renowned for their laziness, were shuffling along in a timber yard. The foreman stopped them, and asked them where they were going.

"Just taking this plank up to the mill."

"Plank," said the foreman. "I don't see any plank."

They both glanced down at their hands, then over their shoulders and finally at each other. "Blowed if we ain't gone and forgotten the plank," said the spokesman.

Mistress: What is baby crying so much for?

Maid: Master's shirt studs, Mum.

Mistress: Why don't you let the little darling have them.

Maid: I did, Mum, and he's swallowed 'em!

"George!" she screamed. "My neck!"

"What's the matter?"

"There's a pillcatter—"

"A what?"

"A tapplekiller—"

"What in the world do you mean?"

"Oh, dear," she moaned, as she clutched him frantically. "A kitterpaller! You know, George! A pater-killer!"

"Oh!" said George, with evident relief, and he proceeded to brush the future butterfly away.

Teacher (during geometry lesson): "What is a polygon?"

Tommy (sleepily): "Please Miss, a dead parrot, miss!"

Kind Old Man: Why don't you want a wireless set?

Tommy: I'm afraid they'll start broadcasting homework.

Prospective Lodger: But I thought you advertised a bed-sitting-room?

Landlady: Well, this is it.

Prospective Lodger: Yes, I see the bed, but where is the sitting-room?

Landlady: On the bed.

Bill: Say, Jack, did you read about that Scotman who left his change on the counter?

Jack: No, Bill.

Bill: And you never will either, old son.

Smart Lad: Father, do school teachers get paid wages?

Father: Why, of course they do, my boy.

Smart Lad: Then why should we kids do all the work?

Mother: Oh, John, don't you think we'd better send for the doctor? Tommy says he feels so bad!

Father: Oh! he's felt bad like this before and got over it.

Mother (anxiously): Yes, dear, but never on a half-holiday.

A young married couple were well on their way to their destination when suddenly the wife jumped up from her seat with a start.

"Oh, John!" she exclaimed, "I've just remembered that I left the electric iron burning on the kitchen table."

"Never mind, dear," replied the husband, quietly. "It won't burn for long. I've just remembered that I left the bath tap turned on."

"What did you stop that clock in your room for, Jane?"

"Because, mum, the silly thing has some sort of a fit every morning, mum, when I want to sleep."

The meeting had been very dull. The lecturer had been discussing the prophets, and, at last, he said: "And now we come to Isaiah, what place shall we give to Isaiah?"

"A small man in the audience rose up and said: 'Here, he can have my place, I'm going home.'"

Mrs. Dibbs: Every time I raise my hand my husband gives me an awful beating!

Mrs. Dibbs: Heavens, why don't you call the police?

Mrs. Dibbs: What do they know about Bridge?

M.C.C. TOUR.

MATCH AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

VISITORS LEADING.

Johannesburg, Saturday.
Before 5,000 spectators to-day South Africa won the toss and were all out for 196 at the tea interval.
Cutterall made 86 and Geary took seven wickets for 70.
The M.C.C. had scored 80 runs for one wicket at the close.
Throughout the day the sky was overcast and the weather warm.
After tea the crowd increased to 10,000.—Reuter.
Johannesburg, Yesterday.
England scored 313, of which Sutcliffe had 102, Tyldesley 122, and Hammond 51. Promnitz took five wickets for 58 and Vincent two for 57.
South Africa, in their second innings, had scored eight without a wicket falling when stumps were drawn.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER.

London, Sunday.

Following are Saturday's English League results:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal 3, Everton 2.
Aston Villa 5, Wednesday 4.
Burnley 2, Cardiff C. 1.
Bury 2, Blackburn R. 3.
Derby C. 4, Birmingham 1.
Leicester C. 6, Tottenham H. 1.
Liverpool 2, Manchester U. 0.
Portsmouth 2, Huddersfield T. 1.
Sheffield U. 4, Bolton W. 3.
Sunderland 1, Middlesbrough 0.
W. Ham U. 6, Newcastle U. 2.

Division II.

Barnsley 3, Chelsea 1.
Fulham 2, Blackpool 2.
Hull C. 2, Oldham A. 2.
Leeds U. 5, Stoke C. 1.
Manchester C. 3, Notts C. 1.
Notts F. 1, Southampton 1.
Port Vale 4, West Brom. A. 1.
Preston N.E. 3, Grimsby T. 0.
South Shields 1, Bristol C. 3.
Swansea T. 0, Reading 1.
Wolves 5, Clapton C. 3.

Division III (S.).

Bristol R. 1, Millwall 6.
Charlton A. 4, Luton T. 3.
Coventry C. 2, Northampton 4.
Gillingham 3, Norwich C. 0.
Moorhys T. 0, Exeter C. 3.
Newport C. 3, Southend U. 2.
Plymouth A. 5, Crystal Palace 1.
Queen's Park R. 2, B'mouth and B.A. 0.
Swindon T. 4, Brighton and H.A. 3.

Watford 1, Brentford 1.
[The match between Walsall and Torquay United was not played.]

Division III. (N.).

Accrington S. 5, Barrow 1.
Aldershot 1, Southampton 3.
Bradford City 3, Chesterfield 3.
Crewe A. 5, Durham C. 2.
Darlington 4, Rotherham U. 1.
Doncaster R. 5, Rochdale 2.
Halifax T. 4, Wrexham 1.
Hartlepool U. 2, Stockport C. 1.
Lincoln C. 1, Tranmere R. 1.
New Brighton 1, Bradford 2.
[The match between Wigan Boro' and Nelson was not played.]

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clyde 1, St. Mirren 0.
Dundee 3, Cowdenbeath 1.
Dunfermline A. 0, Motherwell 5.
Falkirk 3, Bonness 2.
Hamilton A. 2, St. Johnstone 1.
Hibernians 2, Celtic 2.
Kilmarnock 5, Hearts 0.
Queen's Park 4, Partick 2.
Raith R. 5, Airdrieonians 0.
Rangers 5, Aberdeen 0.

BOXING DAY.

London, Yesterday.

The league matches to-day resulted:—

First Division.

Birmingham 1, Sunderland 1.
Bolton W. 4, Tottenham H. 1.
Bury 4, Portsmouth U. 0.
Derby C. 5, Aston Villa 0.
Everton 2, Cardiff City 1.
Huddersfield T. 1, Wednesday 0.
Leicester C. 5, Burnley 0.
Manchester U. 1, Blackburn R. 1.
Middlesbrough 1, Newcastle U. 1.
Sheffield U. 6, West Ham U. 2.
The Arsenal v. Liverpool match was postponed.

Second Division.

Barnsley 0, Manchester C. 3.
Blackpool 3, Reading 1.
Bristol C. 3, Southampton 0.
Grimsby T. 1, Chelsea 1.
Notts F. 3, Wolverhampton W. 2.
Port Vale 1, Leeds United 2.
Preston N.E. 4, Swansea T. 2.
W. Bromwich A. 2, Notts C. 2.
The Clapton Orient v. Oldham Athletic and Fulham v. Hull City matches were postponed.

Division III. (South).

Bournemouth 3, Brighton 1.
Exeter City 2, Plymouth A. 0.

KWANGSI ADVANCE.

FORCE BUSY IN WEST RIVER AREA.

NEAR SAMSHUI.

How the Kwangsi forces on the West River have, almost unobserved, advanced to within 15 miles of their first objective, the treaty port of Samshui (which is only 40 miles west of Canton), in their campaign of vengeance on the Ironsides, is carefully described below. The Ironsides recently supplanted the Kwangsi administration in Canton.
Very little authentic news came down from the West River this week as reports have had to pass through Ironsides' territory—and developments have been unfavorable to them.
The last message was that the Kwangsi vanguard had gained only 70 miles of the 120 miles' journey. A further 35 miles has been covered by now.
Two Naval "Menageries."
[From Our Own Correspondent.]

West River, Dec. 23.
Shiuhing, a port 28 miles above Samshui, has been occupied by the Kwangsi expedition moving down the West River with the declared objective of re-capturing Canton from the Ironsides.
In fact, both banks of the River down to Kwongli (only 15 miles above Samshui) are lined by Kwangsi troops.
Lukpo, 17 miles above Shiuhing, was taken yesterday.
The Kwangsi army had the s.s. "Tin Chow" which they converted into an armed merchantman at Wuchow.

Ironsides at Samshui.
General Wong Shiu-hung (one of the big four of the Kwangsi group), who was deposed from Canton when the Ironsides launched their coup, is believed to be on board, directing operations.

When the expedition reached Takhing, it was joined by a second armed steamer, several motor-launches and a number of passenger junks which were conveying the troops down from point to point.

Outposts of the Ironsides are on the hills overlooking the entrance of the River leading to Samshui, which is only 40 miles west of Canton (by railway).

Retired 50 Miles.
It is not established that the pro-Canton troops are Ironsides. They may be Papersides of the 5th Army under General Li Fook-lum of Canton.

However, they also have a "menagerie" navy in this war. A gunboat of the "Kong" class and six armed launches were up near Takhing (50 miles above Shiuhing) on Dec. 16, but this fleet had retired (50 miles) down to Samshui by Dec. 19, when the pro-Canton garrison still held Shiuhing.

At Samshui, the "fleet" has been joined by another gunboat of the same obsolete class and three coaling junks.

Dragon's Home Captured.

On Dec. 20, the Kwangsi expedition had taken Lukpo, which is below Yuetsing (the birthplace of the dragon). Stretching in a single line five miles along the river bank, about two or three thousand Kwangsi troops were marching down in open order.

About 15 miles further up, the Kwangsi transport fleet was seen, comprising nine steam and motor launches (some hauling tow-boats along), all filled with troops going down to meet the Ironsides.

All Craft Commandeered.

Stage by stage, the Kwangsi army has been moved down, orders being given from General Wong Shiu-hung's flagship which is also full of troops.

All inland craft has been commandeered, both factions being to blame. Carriage of native cargo and passengers has been suspended. However, the Hong Kong steamers coming down from Wuchow have been heavily laden with both merchandise and passengers.

H.M.S. "Term" is up at Wuchow and H.M.S. "Robin" is cruising between Samshui and Shiuhing.

Merthyr T. 2, Bristol R. 3.
Newport E. 1, Swindon T. 3.
Northampton 5, Luton Town 5.
Southend U. 3, Brentford 2.
The Charlton Athletic v. Walsall, Crystal Palace v. Torquay United, Port Vale v. Millwall, Queen's Park Rangers v. Coventry City, and Watford v. Gillingham matches were postponed.

Division III. (North).

Accrington S. 2, New Brighton 1.
Bradford C. 3, Wigan Boro' 0.
Crewe A. 3, Darlington 3.
Doncaster R. 1, Halifax T. 1.
Hartlepool U. 1, Lincoln City 2.
Rotherham U. 1, Chesterfield 2.
Southport 4, Wrexham 1.
Stockport C. 4, Barrow 0.
Postponed:—Durham City v. Ashington, Nelson v. Tranmere Rovers, Rochdale v. Bradford.—Reuter.

£20,000,000 MAN.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES COX BRADY.

LADY LIMERICK'S SON-IN-LAW.

The death was announced on Nov. 16 at the age of 44 of Mr. James Cox Brady, the American financier and one of the "kings" of Wall Street, whose fortune is estimated at about £20,000,000. He was a son-in-law of the Countess of Limerick, of Hall-place, Bexley Heath, Kent.

Mr. Brady was the younger son of the late Mr. Anthony N. Brady, known as the "mystery man" of Wall Street, who began life as a bar-tender in Albany, New York, but by engaging in the consolidation of gas plants became a millionaire in a comparatively short while.

His younger son, James, a graduate of Yale University, was a financial genius, and soon made huge additions to the fortune of £6,000,000 left him by his father. He married three times. His first wife, Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, of New York, by whom he had three children, was killed in a railway accident in New York in 1912.

Then he married Lady Victoria, only daughter of the Earl and Countess of Limerick, who died of pneumonia at the end of 1918. In 1920 Mr. Brady married Miss Helen McMahon, a New York artist's model, who was said to be the most beautiful woman in the United States. The marriage took place at Westminster Cathedral, London. A friend of Mr. Brady said to a "Daily Mail" reporter: "Sport interested him far more than finance. He was passionately fond of hunting, and in his stables at Kentucky he had some valuable thoroughbred race-horses. In his 'variety' days he was known as a boxer and a polo player. Music and art interested him too, and he adored England and its wonderful traditions and achievements."

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE LUCKY LADY."

The versatility of Greta Nissen, the beautiful Norse actress, is displayed in "The Lucky Lady," the new picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Miss Nissen plays three different parts each with conspicuous skill. So that the man she is forced to become engaged to, will refuse to marry her. Miss Nissen, presents herself in her most unlovely manner, dressing in costumes ludicrous in the extreme. Not content with this, she disguises herself as a beautiful Italian siren and lures him into a public scandal, meanwhile giving her heart to a handsome American. Featured players in "The Lucky Lady" include William Collier, Jr., Lionel Barrymore and Marc MacDermott. The settings are excellent, particularly those modelled after the Monte Carlo casino.

"TIN HATS."

A comedy of the Army of Occupation, "Tin Hats," will be the attraction at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The story written by Edward Sedgwick, concerns the strange activities of three soldier friends, one the son of a rich man, the second a former gang robber and the third the son of a St. Louis Dutch brewer. These three roles are portrayed respectively by Conrad Nagel, George Cooper and Bert Roach. Tom O'Brien has the role of a tough sergeant. Claire Windsor plays opposite Nagel as the beautiful Elsa Von Bergen, a titled German girl. "Tin Hats" is full of comical incidents with a blending of romance.

PLENTY OF FUN AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"The Kid Brother," the film now showing at the Queen's Theatre, is one that enhances Harold Lloyd's already highly-fixed reputation as a screen actor of consequence. The story is frail, merely telling of what happens to a small American town when a "medicine show" comes there, but it is sufficient to carry the central figure through a delightful series of incidents and into many scrapes. It is full of comicality, with a passing love interest, and is one of the best of Harold Lloyd's many excellent productions.

In the same programme is a Metro comedy, directed by Hal Roach, and a Paramount news-reel.

Signor Grovini, the musical director of the Queen's, is to be congratulated upon the excellent instrumental performance he served up during the holidays. The Christmas foxtrot, a mélange of melodies old and new, was particularly happy in its conception and execution.

SPARKLING PALM BEACH COMEDY.

Bebe Daniels is providing some delightful thrills at the World Theatre, accompanied by a sterling cast, in "The Palm Beach Girl," which, like the photograph at the Queen's, starts off in a small town. The scene is quickly changed to Palm Beach, however,

LAND GRAB.

MILLIONS OF ACRES CONFISCATED.

OMISSIONS FROM A REPORT.

The Szech Land Reform Office, in response to the challenge by Viscount Rothermere, has just issued a report on the operations of the Department for the last six years. It is a mere skeleton—more notable for its omissions than for the information which it gives.

The statistics are impressive, but no particulars are given of the prices paid the owners nor of the distribution of land according to races.

The confiscatory methods adopted are concealed, but the colossal scale of the transaction shows the scope which has existed for the favouritism and corruption which have been practised.

The total area of agricultural land which has been allotted or released, that is taken over by the State, amounts to 1,005,574 hectares (about 2,500,000 acres), leaving only 224,114 hectares to be expropriated. The forests and uncultivated land occupying an area of 2,733,376 hectares (about 6,750,000 acres) are nearly all retained by the State. The land which remains to be allotted is chiefly in Slovakia.

The State does not make the utterly inadequate payment, varying from one-sixth to one-tenth of the value, for the land which it forcibly acquires until several years after the Land Office takes possession, and then only to a small extent in cash.

On the other hand, the Land Office lends money on easy terms to the favoured new owners, of whom 90 per cent. are Czechs or Slovaks.

The report states that credits amounting to nearly 500 million crowns (about £3,650,000) have been granted to the new owners.

Many thousands of employees on the large estates were thrown out of work by the expropriation, and to these only 49,429 hectares have been allotted, mostly to Czechs.

The Land Office is a bureaucratic Department not represented by a Minister, and not responsible in a definite way to anyone except to a Commission of twelve, upon which the Minorities are not represented, appointed by the first Government for three years. The Commissioners have not been reappointed, but nominally remain as an irresponsible authority.

DOOMED.

CREW OF AMERICAN SUBMARINE.

LAST MINUTE EFFORTS.

Washington, Saturday.
Unwilling to give up hope that some of the crew of the "S-4" are still alive, Mr. Wilbur has decided to go to Provincetown to confer with officers of the Salvage Fleet. Mr. Wilbur declared "as long as we can carry on above the spot where they went down we will do so."

"BLOW" IN JAPAN.

BLIZZARD INTERRUPTS TRAFFIC.

Osaka, Saturday.
A blizzard throughout western Japan last night caused an interruption to traffic and communication on land and sea.—Reuter.

BRITISH IN CHINA.

THE HANKOW AGREEMENT CONDEMNED.

Mr. Joseph Welch, writing to "The Times" from Henfield, Sussex, says:—

The letter from the China Committee in a recent issue will meet with the approval of all connected with China, but with regard to Hankow their plea "for I.L.M. Government to administer the former Concession until such time as the Chinese are able and willing to give effect to the Chen-O'Malley Agreement" is not strong enough. I would strongly urge H.M. Government to tear up the Agreement and resume former conditions. The Agreement is not worth the paper it is written on, and any delay in again asserting our rights to the Concessions of Hankow and Kiukiang not only interferes with our trade prospects, but is an injury to the Chinese themselves.

and then the fun starts. A speedy motor boat figures prominently in the comedy in the course of which Bebe manages to bring off a "jolly" large number of faux pas, all very amusing. There is a Buster comedy in the programme. So far as the Hong Kong centres are concerned, the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., deserve thanks for staging capital holiday programmes, which appeared to be thoroughly appreciated by large audiences.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Kid Brother."
To-day—World Theatre; "Tin Hats."
To-day—Star Theatre; "The Lucky Lady."

To-day—Tea-dance, Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m., dinner dance, 8 p.m.
December 20-31—Queen's Theatre; "Resurrection."

December 29-31—World Theatre; "Alma of the South Seas."
December 31—Star Theatre; "Padded."

December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

Sports.
To-day—Football match; England v. S. China, H.K. Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

Meeting.
January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 6 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.
December 29—Presentation to the Rev. Copley Moyle at reception in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5-6 p.m.

2,400 PER CENT.

JUDGE TEARS UP NOTES.

Judge Sir Alfred Tobin, dealing with a case under the Money-lenders Act at Westminster worked out the interest under promissory notes given by women to a money-lending firm and found it was at the rate of 2,400 per cent. He tore up the notes and made an order for payment extending over three years and a half.

The case was one in which the British and Foreign Loan and Investment Company, Victoria-street, S. W., claimed £14 15s from Mrs. Margaret Fromant, Lillington-street, S.W., and by consent Mrs. Mary Ann Ferguson, Lupus-street, Pimlico, was joined as co-defendant. In September and November 1926, promissory notes were given for £14 and £7 respectively. The two defendants and a Mrs. Keeble signed the first note and divided equally £10 they actually received. Mrs. Fromant and Mrs. Ferguson signed the second and divided the £5 advanced on it. They had paid back £6 5s.

Sir Alfred said to the money-lenders' clerk, Mr. Harold Sample, that 2,400 per cent. "seems a little excessive, even for Westminster." Mr. Sample: It sounds very excessive, but we have not imposed the default clause.

Sir Alfred pointed out that the women were liable to pay the £14 and £7 if at the end of six days they defaulted in payment of the instalment. He ordered them to pay 60 per cent. on the £8 15s. balance of money advanced as from October, 1926, making a total of £10 9s., and that each pay 5s. 6d. by instalments of 2s. 6d. a month and no costs.

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NEILL CREAM ECHO.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF MAN WHO ARRESTED HIM.

Alderman J. B. Tunbridge, of Hythe, Kent, formerly a well-known detective, and Mrs. Tunbridge celebrated their golden wedding on Nov. 17. It was also their birthday. Mr. Tunbridge being 77 and his wife 74.

It was Mr. Tunbridge who arrested Neil Cream, the poisoner, who was sentenced to death in 1892, and he spent more than a year in the Argentine pending the arrest of Jabez Balfour for fraud in connection with the Liberator Building Society.

Mr. Tunbridge joined the London police force at 19 years of age. He retired in 1895. Two years later he was appointed Commissioner of Police for New Zealand, a post which he held for six years.

It is likely that Miss Sybil Thordike will appear in two special performances of a Biblical play at the Royal Albert Hall before she goes to South Africa in the spring.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Jean Elles, niece of the Hon.
Mr. B. W. Elles, has arrived
in Kuala Lumpur to visit Mr. and
Mrs. G. W. Bryant.As the result of being caught by
the machinery operating the steam
winch, a coolie employed at the
Holt's timber dump was killed yes-
terday afternoon.David Moy John, of Porth,
Glamorgan, a solicitor, was at the
Glamorgan Assizes sentenced to 4
years' penal servitude for fraudu-
lent conversion of clients' money.Smallpox of a severe type has oc-
curred at Seghill, Northumberland,
a new centre of infection, while
more than 20 cases have been
notified from the Nottingham dis-
trict.Signor Pirandello, the Italian
dramatist, while motoring in Sicily
was cut in the face by broken glass
when his car, in avoiding a motor-
cyclist, collided with a rock on the
roadside.There was a celebration at
Northampton of a double wedding
of 50 years ago, when Mr. George
Manning married Miss Charlotte
Anne Barber, and his sister be-
came the wife of Miss Barber's
brother John."It is time somebody paid atten-
tion to the fact that any lunatic
can go into a shop and buy a sport-
ing gun, which is quite as deadly
as a revolver, and go out and
shoot."—Mr. Justice Swift at
Derby Assizes.The Minister of Health and the
Minister of Agriculture have ap-
pointed a joint advisory committee
on river pollution, with Sir Horace
Monro, formerly Permanent Secre-
tary of the Local Government
Board, as chairman.The "Rodney," the battleship
which has cost £7,000,000 and has
taken 5 years to complete, has left
the shipbuilding yard of Messrs.
Cammell Laird and Co., Ltd., Bir-
kenhead, for Portsmouth to take
her place in the Atlantic Fleet.The "Great Bed of Ware" (men-
tioned in Shakespeare's "Twelfth
Night"), which is in a building ad-
joining the Old Ipe House at Hod-
desdon, Hertfordshire, is included
in the sale of the brewery business
of Christie and Co., Hoddesdon, to
the Cannon Brewery Co., Ltd.A silver model of the battleship
"Ville de Paris" (captured by Ad-
miral Hood from the French),
which disappeared from Napoleon's
Court, was recently recognised by
a French visitor at the Ackermann
Galleries, New Bond-Street, W.,
and it is hoped to secure it for
the Louvre.Mr. V. Shewaram, proprietor of
the Pioneer Silk Store, despatched
a cable to Sandringham Palace on
Saturday respectfully and loyally ex-
tending Christmas greetings cou-
pled with sincere New Year wishes
for His Majesty the King-Emperor
and the Royal Family.The driver of public motorcar
No. 439 reports that whilst driv-
ing along Praya East on Friday
near No. 2 Police Station, he ran
into the rear of a tramcar. A
passenger in the car was injured
on the forehead by broken glass
and removed to hospital.Paris, Saturday.—The Budget,
after going backwards and
forwards between the Chamber and
Senate, has been definitively adopted
by both Houses by substantial
majorities. Receipts total Frs.
42,496,000,000 and expenditure
Fr. 42,441,000,000.—Reuter.The following have been elected
executive members of the Tung
Wah Hospital for the coming year:
Messrs. Ng Wah, Li Yau-cheung,
Tang Shiu-kin, Lau Shing-chong,
Na Yau-ting, Mak Shiu-chor, Ko
Leung-wo, Lo Yin-lin, Wong
Chung-to, Li Che-cheung, Li Chak-
man and the management of the
Yick On Bank.A cable from England announces
that a marriage has been arranged
between Mr. J. D. Lloyd and
Dorothea, the eldest daughter of
Mrs. Crowe of Weston. Mr. John
Daniel Lloyd, who has been in the
Cadet Service of the Hong Kong
Government, since 1907, is on
leave and is expected to return to
the Colony in March next.The following members of the
Nationalist Government arrived in
Shanghai last week-end, according to
an official report: Messrs. Wong Pei-
chun (Minister of Communications),
Dr. C. C. Wu (Nationalist Min-
ister of Foreign Affairs), Sun
Fo, (Minister of Finance), Cheng
Hung-nien, (Vice-Minister of Fi-
nance), Tsai Yuen-hel (President of
of Nationalist Universities).Miss Annie Esmail and Mr. Usuf
Ebrahim, were married at 8, Sing
Woo Lane, Wongmicheong, in ac-
cordance with the Mohammedan re-
ligion. The bride is the daughter
of the well-known local share
broker, Mr. H. M. Hajee Esmail.
The bridegroom is with the Civil
Service in Jesselton, British North
Borneo, for which post he will be
sailing to-day with his bride by the
S.S. "Sulawesi".Mr. T. Burke, O.C.P.D., Sungei
Besi, is acting as Police Court Chief
Inspector, Kuala Lumpur.Whilst a Chinese was walking in
Wing Lok Street yesterday his
pocket was picked and \$400 in notes
stolen.The Netherlands Minister to
Tokyo, Gen. J. C. Pabst, has arrived
in Shanghai on his way to the
Dutch East Indies.The Pioneer Silk Store, owing to
the pressure of their patronage,
have extended their Anniversary
Sale till the 31st instant.A Chinese male child who fell
on a rice bowl and injured his face
was admitted to the Government
Civil Hospital on Friday.Mr. Jack Smith, of Coalville,
Leicestershire, until recently the
Leicestershire miners' agent, has
joined the staff of the Liberal Land
and Nation League.There were 86 deaths from in-
fluenza in the great towns of Eng-
land and Wales in last week, com-
pared with 27, 61, 63, and 64 in
the previous four weeks.Suffering from head injury re-
ceived whilst working cargo on
board a junk in the harbour yes-
terday, a coolie had to be removed
to the hospital for treatment.A Chinese woman living at Sha-
kiwan was yesterday removed to
the hospital suffering from a stab
wound on the head alleged to have
been caused by a man who has
absconded.As the result of a fall from a bus
in attempting to alight whilst it
was in motion on Kowloon City
Road, a Chinese received injuries
to the head which necessitated his
removal to the Kowloon hospital,
where he died soon after admission.Miss Ruby Wright, of Whit-
stable, Kent, who was reported as
missing while on a visit to her
brother in Canada, has been dis-
covered, according to a British
United Press telegram, which
states that she decided to spend
some days in Montreal before
leaving for Winnipeg.Don King, reporter of the
"Washington Herald," who posed
as a conductor and talked with
Edward Kidwell in a soft-drink
parlour and obtained from him
such information that when pre-
sented to the District Supreme
Court caused the dismissal of the
Sinclair-Fail oil conspiracy jury.The wedding is announced to
take place on January 3 of Miss
Ngai Ling Chee, eldest daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Ngai Bong Ping of
3, Lower Castle Road, to Mr. Lee
Shiu Kee. Mr. Ngai Bong Ping
was formerly Commissioner of
Police at Canton, and the bride-
groom is the brother of Mr. Lee
Shiu Kai who recently married the
eldest daughter of the Hon. Dr.
R. H. Kottewall, C.M.G. He is at
present studying medicine.Mr. M. A. Grant, a missionary
living at No. 13 and 14, Saikung
Road, Kowloon, reported to the
police that during his absence from
the house on Saturday night, a
stranger called, and upon being ad-
mitted by the amah, overpowered
the woman and ransacking the
place stole a quantity of money
and clothing. The thief was sub-
sequently arrested by the police,
and at the Kowloon Magistrate's
yesterday he was formally remanded
for a week.Mr. Bernhard Baron has given
\$50,000 for the rebuilding of the
St. George's Jewish Settlement,
Bettis Street, St. George-in-the-East.
"When the Prince of Wales
came to the settlement a few
months ago," Mrs. Basil Henriques,
the warden of the Settlement, stated,
"he said he hoped we should soon
be able to move into new buildings.
At that time there was no prospect
of it, but now Mr. Baron told us
he would like to make possible the
scheme suggested by the Prince."
It is estimated that Mr. Baron, who
is chairman of Carreras, Ltd., has
already given away more than
\$1,000,000.Dr. S. W. Eveson and Dr. (Miss)
K. M. Hylop have been seconded
for service under the Government
of Kedah.Nico, Saturday.—Sazonoff, who
was Russian Foreign Minister
in 1914 and subsequently repre-
sented Koltchak in Paris, has died.
—Reuter.Dunlop's Singapore office have
established a new department
under the management of Mr. G. B.
Page, devoted to macintosh cables
and every description of electrical
accessory.Mr. G. T. May's houseboy was
yesterday sentenced by Major C.
Willson at the Central Magistracy
to one month's hard labour for the
theft on Christmas Day of \$100,
the property of his employer.Mr. S. Saklatvala, the Commu-
nist M.P., will be opposed at the
next Parliamentary election by Mr.
W. S. Sanders, prospective can-
didate of the newly formed North
Battersea divisional Labour Party.Passengers from Great Britain
for Northern Ireland by the L.M.S.
route via Holyhead and Kingstown
will not, after the end of this
month, be required to have their
luggage examined by Customs offi-
cials.By climbing a high wall in their
stockinged feet, Private W. Drew,
of the 1st Highland Light Infantry,
and Gunner Bailey, R.F.A., escaped
from Corunna Barracks, Aldershot,
where they were awaiting a court-
martial.The Postmaster-General has is-
sued a circular to all head post
offices and controlling offices to
economise stationery by using
quarto paper instead of foolscap
paper when dealing with corre-
spondence.At the close of a private delegate
conference of the National Union
of Railwaymen in London Mr. J. H.
Thomas, M.P., said: "The whole of
the alterations to rules made nec-
essary by the new Trades Union Act
were carried."Sir William Davison, Conserva-
tive, M.P. for South Kensington,
will, in the House of Commons, ask
the First Commissioner of Works if
he will consider reducing the
charge for chairs in the royal parks
from 2d. to 1d.Following a lengthy conference
with General Chiang Kai-shek,
Generals Li Chi-seng and Li
Tsoong-zeng left Shanghai for Nan-
king by train. The discussion was
purely upon military affairs and
the anti-Northern campaign.Mr. Henry M. Hake, assistant in
the Department of Prints and
Drawings at the British Museum
since 1914, has been appointed
Director, Keeper, and Secretary of
the National Portrait Gallery. In
succession to the late Mr. James
Milner.Divisional Inspector Frank Page,
of the Stoke Newington, N., division
of the Metropolitan Police, who is
retiring, was, as a member of the
Scotland Yard Flying Squad, con-
cerned in the case in which
Frederick Bywaters and Mrs.
Thompson were executed for the
murder at Ilford in 1922 of the
woman's husband.Following the conference be-
tween the Dominion Government
and the provincial Premiers, an
official statement has been issued to
the effect that the Government's
future immigration policy will in-
clude the admission of all farm
workers and domestic servants
from the British Isles without res-
triction as to numbers.A Catalan capitalist group has
signed a contract with an Ameri-
can construction company for the
building of a large dam in the River
Tagus, near Toledo. The contract
price is 15,000,000 pesetas (about
\$300,000). The scheme forms the
first development of an electric
supply project for obtaining 500,000
horse-power from the river.A lawn tennis ball "guaranteed
uniform in weight, size, bound,
and compression," at 18s. 6d. a
dozen, is announced by one of the
four big firms of lawn tennis ball
manufacturers. The Lawn Tennis
Association has announced its ac-
ceptance of a tender for balls from
a firm outside the "big four" at
15s. 6d. a dozen to the public and
14s. 6d. a dozen to affiliated orga-
nisations and clubs.The "China Times" published a
telegram from the North an-
nouncing a victory on the part of
the Nationalist forces in the Hau-
chow sector, as follows:—"At noon
on December 16, the 9th Army
under General Koo Tsao-dong, cap-
tured Haichow and took prisoner a
large number of the enemy. The
Advance Corps is now situated be-
yond the Mau Tsung Railway, north
of Haichow."The "Shanghai Nippo" reports
that as a result of negotiations be-
tween Sub-Lieut. Furuhashi and
representatives of the Woosung
Shanghai Defence Force, the five
wharf coolies who were detained by
the Labour Unions Unifications
Committee were released on the
condition that Chen Liang, one of
the strike leaders who is now in
custody on order of the Provisional
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HOLIDAY FOOTBALL.

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SCOTLAND v. PORTUGAL.

Strenuous Game At The Valley.

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For the first of this series of games a good crowd was present at the Club ground on Boxing Day when the following teams took the field:

Scotland:—Rodger (Club); Martin (K.O.S.B.), Hirst (Scotts Guards); McBride (Club), Stewart (Club), Carswell (Scotts Guards); Campbell and Humphreys (K.O.S.B.), McNiven (Scotts Guards), McGlinchey and Alexander (K.O.S.B.).

Portugal:—Silva; Ogley, Xavier; Assumpcao, Carvalho, Souza; Ward, Silva, Gosano, Rocha and Brown.

The game started briskly and Scotland set up an early attack, McGlinchey passing to Alexander who was forced behind. Portugal attacked through Ward but the winger centred with the forwards well up, and Stewart cleared easily and Scotland forced the pace, McNiven ballooning high over the bar in a good position.

Silva made a smart dash on the right and some interpassing between Gosano and Ward almost let the Portuguese centre in as Hirst hereabouts was very weak and Rodger had to be smart to clear.

The Scottish forwards, again pressed, and Campbell crossed but Alexander missed with a very fine opening, the winger being bowled over by Ogley in the nick of time. Scotland were doing most of the pressing and from a corner well placed by Alexander, McNiven headed the ball past Silva, and Scotland led amidst applause.

The opening of the second half was sensational and Portugal came away very strongly, and were awarded a penalty which Rodgers saved in great style from Gosano.

The game was not brilliant, but very strenuous and exciting, and in some very heavy work. Gosano was injured and retired to the touch line but resumed.

Portugal were now playing up very strongly and after Rodgers had affected a brilliant clearance from Gosano and again from Silva, Carvalho fastened on the ball and the scores were one all.

Portugal now went all out and appeared to be setting the pace, but Brown could not get going on the right, where McBride was playing a great game, and Scotland broke away, McGlinchey bursting through and crossing to Campbell, the winger scored a nice goal well out of the reach of Silva.

Portugal tried hard and a beautiful shot by Ward was skillfully held by Rodger and Scotland again took up the attack, a fine shot by McBride just clearing the upright. Silva did well to clear his lines in the last stages when Scotland put on some heavy pressure.

The game was fought out desperately to the finish and the referee had to restrain one or two of the players, a hard game resulting in a win for Scotland by two goals to one.

The game was a very hard one but not a good exhibition by any means, and towards the end the players were not too gentle on either side, there being one or two rather bad passages.

The Scottish team deserved their win and Rodger, McBride, Stewart and Martin in the defence were very good, whilst McGlinchey and McNiven were easily the pick of the forwards. The Rev. Alexander had an off day and Campbell and Humphreys did not play up to their Club form.

Portugal were without the brothers Remedios at half back and this was a big handicap, but the team although much changed in the back division, gave a good show. Silva in goal saved well on occasions, and Xavier played a great game at full back, while Souza did well amongst the half backs, Assumpcao and Carvalho fitting in very well in strange positions. Gosano played a strong game throughout and received careful attention from Stewart who was on top of his form, but the Recife centre was always a big force, and Silva and young Ward were much the better wing.

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Miller), Chung-Ka Kau (Mr. Morgan), Borderer (Lieut. Sugden), Durham (Mr. Drake), Veloz (Mr. Sewell), Warlordship (Mr. Chun), Foxrot (Mr. Elliott).
Won by 1½ lengths—½ length.
Parl. Mutual:—Winners \$7.11; 1st \$6.60, 2nd \$7.00, 3rd \$9.70.
Unplaced Ponies (\$10 each):—Nos. 15, 17, 48, 20, 88, 16, 30.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 37 ... \$142.80
" 24 ... 40.80
" 51 ... 20.40

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POOR DIVIDENDS PAID.

The Fanling Hunt Steeplechase was held at Kwant on Saturday under favourable weather conditions. The attendance was rather poor, but the going was good. Three was great excitement in the first race, when Gomeril came home in front after a fighting finish. The biggest dividend was \$90.40 paid to her backers by Caviare with Mr. Osborne up.

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THE RESULTS:

1.—The Maiden Plate. 1 Mile:—For China Ponies that have never won a Steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at Kwant allowed 5 lbs. 1st prize \$50. 2nd prize \$15. 3rd saves entry. Entry \$5.
Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Gomeril (168 lbs.)

(Mr. Pollock) 1
Mr. N. Hashim's Sunning (158 lbs.) ... (Mr. R. H. Charles) 2
Mr. Leun Yick's Warlordship (155 lbs.) ... (Mr. Chun) 3
Also ran:—Iron General (Mr. Miller), Man-of-War (Mr. Bolton), Chick To (L. Sugden), Cires (Mr. Sewell), Scooter (Mr. Bulteel), Warrington (Mr. Usher), Yorks (Mr. Reidy), Tates (Mr. Stanton), Drake (Mr. Durlan), Borderer (Mr. Shillington), Veloz (Mr. Wong), Castle (Mr. Barnes).
Won by 3 lengths—1 length.
Parl. Mutual:—Winners \$9.90; 1st \$6.00, 2nd \$11.00, 3rd \$12.00.
Unplaced ponies (\$5 each):—Nos. 26, 20, 41, 1, 5, 14, 3, 13, 22, 7, 177.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket Nos. 17 ... \$ 93.10
" 15 ... 26.60
" 24 ... 13.30

2.—Reefstakes. 1 Mile:—For China Ponies. Catch weights at 168 lbs. 1st prize \$50. 2nd prize \$15. 3 saves entry. Entry \$5.
Mr. M. M. Maas's Cavaire (168 lbs.) ... (Mr. Osborne) 1
Mr. J. J. Paterson's Deer Hound (168 lbs.) ... (Mr. Stanton) 2
Col. Comyn's Durham (168 lbs.) ... (Mr. Scott Elliott) 3
Also ran:—Durian (L. Welch), Smart Guy (Col. Bird), Craignav (Mr. Sewell), Dumb-bell (Mr. Shillington), Wild Fellow (Mr. Charles), Two Step (Mr. Durlan), Foxrot (Mr. Elliott).
Won by one length—½ length.
Parl. Mutual:—Winners \$80.40; 1st \$12.00, 2nd \$6.40, 3rd \$36.00.
Unplaced ponies (\$10 each):—Nos. 9, 49, 3, 4, 23, 33, 33.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket Nos. 16 ... \$ 95.90
" 40 ... 27.40
" 25 ... 13.70

3.—Ladies' Plate. 1½ Miles:—For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. For a Plate presented by the Ladies of the Fanling Hunt. 2nd prize \$25. 3rd prize \$15. Entry \$5.
Mr. F. Usher's Easter Day (155 lbs.) ... (Mr. F. Usher) 1
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Chenton Vale (161 lbs.) ... (Mr. Bulteel) 2
Mr. H. C. Macnamara's James Pigg (165 lbs.) ... (Mr. Reidy) 3
Also ran:—Mowgli (Mr. Stanton), Wild Hawk (Mr. Backhouse), Ma Kou Siae (Mr. Chun).
Won by 4 lengths—many lengths.
Parl. Mutual:—Winners \$10.50; 1st \$6.00, 2nd \$6.90, 3rd \$7.10.
Unplaced Ponies (\$10 each):—Nos. 4, 11, 21.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 34 ... \$117.60
" 16 ... 33.60
" 9 ... 16.80

4.—Christmas Handicap. 1½ Miles:—For China Ponies. 1st prize \$50. 2nd prize \$15. 3rd saves entry. Entry \$5.
Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Loch Rannock (155 lbs.) ... (Mr. Reidy) 1
Mr. M. M. Watson's Blotting Paper (156 lbs.) ... (Mr. Durlan) 2
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Red Leaves (146 lbs.) ... (Mr. W. T. Stanton) 3
Also ran:—More Better (Mr. Osborne), Wild Fellow (Mr. R. H. Charles).
Won by 2 lengths—many lengths.
Parl. Mutual:—Winner \$15.60; 1st \$7.80, 2nd \$3.40.
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" 30 ... 41.80
" 83 ... 20.90

5.—Nil Desperandum Steeplechase. 7 Furlongs:—For China Ponies that have started at this Meeting or at the Autumn Meeting at Kwant. Winners at this Meeting barred. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at the Meeting allowed 5 lbs. 1st prize \$50. 2nd prize \$25. 3rd saves entry. Forced entry \$5.
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Humdinger (152) ... (Mr. Bulteel) 1
Mr. N. Hashim's Sunning (152) ... (Mr. Bolton) 2
Mr. Hee Cheong's Man-of-War (18.0) ... (Mr. Charles) 3
Also ran:—Iron General (Mr. Miller).

(Continued at foot of preceding Column.)

BILLIARD MATCH.

LUSITANO BEAT CHINA ATHLETIC.

SIX-A-SIDE RESULTS.

On the initiative of the South China Athletic Association, friendly billiards matches were played between that Association and the Club Lusitano—the result being:

Played at the China Athletic Club Lusitano.
J. M. Ribeiro ... 145
E. Remedios ... 200
L. A. Osmund ... 156
J. O. Remedios ... 196
A. J. Osmund ... 200
H. da Luz ... 200
1,097

China Athletic.
H. N. Tai ... 200
P. N. Yeung ... 166
C. K. Sinn ... 200
C. N. Tsang ... 200
S. C. Kwok ... 104
L. Y. Wong ... 123
993

Played at the Club Lusitano.
Club Lusitano.
L. A. Osmund ... 200
E. Remedios ... 200
A. J. Osmund ... 200
J. M. Ribeiro ... 200
J. O. Remedios ... 200
H. da Luz ... 200
1,200

China Athletic.
P. N. Yeung ... 117
P. K. Lau ... 114
C. K. Sinn ... 74
H. N. Tai ... 162
L. Y. Wong ... 148
C. N. Tsang ... 65
680

The Club Lusitano made a total score of 2,297 as against the China Athletic's 1,673, thus winning by 624 points.

Lusitano scored nine wins, the Athletic three.
The highest break was made by Mr. A. J. Osmund—71 points.

A SUGGESTION.

Colony's Championship in Abeyance.

Now that the Hong Kong Billiards Association (formed under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club some years ago) is apparently not functioning—no championship or other matches having been held since 1925—such friendly inter-club games as just completed should make billiards an important factor in the sporting activities of this Colony.

Still the Colony's individual championship is always an interesting event.

HOCKEY.

CLUB 1ST XI v. 5/2 PUNJABIS.

The following will represent the Club U.S.R.C. ground to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.:—

G. B. Slipper; J. E. Henry, D. Lyon; L. M. S. Lloyd, A. A. Dand (Capt.), J. E. Noronha; R. K. Valentine, J. G. Wheeler, E. L. Sim, W. Woodward, B. D. Evans.

Against The Navy.
The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club 2nd XI to-day, on the R.N.O.S.C. ground, King's Park, v. Royal Navy 2nd XI, at 4.15 p.m.:—F. S. Nicholls; L. A. R. Duncan, J. E. Henry; W. R. Greenhalgh, A. A. Dand, A. C. Howell; G. B. Slipper, A. E. Pritchard, F. G. L. Wheeler, W. A. Nowers, L. P. Thomas.

TOM BERRY LOSES.

BEATEN BY GERMAN-AMERICAN.

Ted Sandwina, the young German-American heavy-weight, who has sailed for the United States, qualified at Fremantle, London, for the conditional contract offered him by Mr. Tex Rickard for a series of contests at Madison Square Garden, New York, by defeating Tom Berry, the ex-light-heavy-weight champion of Great Britain, in the second round of a 15-rounds fight.

For the first time in his lengthy career, during which he must have had hundreds of contests, Berry was compelled to throw up a hand to indicate that he wished to give in. His surrender was a wise action, for although he was only in the ring a few minutes he was completely overwhelmed by a younger, bigger, and stronger opponent.

The difference in age is 17 years (Sandwina is just over 20), but Berry is a boxer of such experience that it was rather a surprise to see him so thoroughly out-classed. He was not given an opportunity to box, but was simply bumped from one rope to another. There was some booing when the veteran retired, but that was ungenerous. It would have been fairer if it had been remembered that Berry was as much outmatched in weight and strength and everything else as he was out-fought.

Sandwina is still very much in the raw, but he is likely to do well in the United States because he is so finely aggressive.



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FOOTBALL.

(Continued from Page 9.)

Portugal with a weak team, went down gallantly, but Scotland will require to make changes for the final when they will meet the winners of England and China.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Interport P'bles 2 Royal Navy ... 2
Division I.
Queen's Regt. ... 6 South China ... 0
Division II "A."
Kowloon Res. ... 2 Chinese Athletic ... 0
Division II "B."
Boy Scouts ... 1 South China ... 2
Friendly.
Kowloon ... 0 H.M.S. "Hawkins" ... 1

Interport Trial.

PROBABLES V. THE NAVY.

This match was played at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon.

Teams:—Probables:—Clarke (Police), Ng Kam-chun (China Ath.), Lai Yuk-tak (China Ath.), C. Remedios (Recreio), Sims (Kowloon), Lum Yuk-ying (China Ath.), Tso Kwai-sing (China Ath.), Gosano (Recreio), Vernon (R.A.F.), Suen Kum-shun (China Ath.), Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.).
The Navy:—Bradley (Sepoy), Barkham (Titania), Baker (Titania), Cunliffe (Seraph), Farlow (Titania), Voller (Hawkins), Knight (Argus), Evans (Bruce), Northey (Ambrose), Leonard (Carlisle), Jones (Seraph).

Referee:—Sergt. Hyson.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Barber and Smith.
The last Interport trial game, of the season was played at the Hong Kong Football ground on Saturday against a good side representing the Navy. Contrary to the expectations of the general sporting public, who expected the Selected Side to win by a margin of 2 or 3 goals, the Navy played them to a draw in a very good and hard fought game.

The Game.
The Navy kicked off, and Northey with a good pass set Knight going, but Lai Yuk-tak tackled him, and gaining possession, cleared well. The Navy got going again and Evans had hard luck with a shot that just went wide. Shortly after this Northey slammed home a fast shot that just missed. From the goal kick Vernon, lying well up the field, obtained possession and put in a good shot which went over the bar.

The Selected were now attacking with determination and Vernon again had hard luck when he shot just outside. Sims at centre half was ideal, and time and again he set his forwards on the move with beautiful forward passes.
Gosano's Goal.
The first goal of the game came to the Selected when Gosano with a beautiful pass from Vernon, netted at close range.

The Navy now attacked with vigour, but time and again they were checked by their opponents' defence. Good passing on the part of the Selected brought them into the Navy's lines, and Gosano put in a well placed shot, which necessitated Bradley diving full length in order to save a goal.

Excitement was at a pitch when Northey, who had worked his way through for a shot, was fouled inside the penalty area; a penalty resulted.

The spot kick was taken by Evans, and Clarke dropping on to his knees brought off a fine save.

Navy Attack.
Immediately following this the Selected gained possession and transferred play into the Navy's half, which resulted in Suen Kum-shun scoring with a fast shot which the goalie failed to hold.

From the kick off the Navy attacked with renewed vigour, and taking the ball up the field reduced the lead; Leonard scoring with a beautiful shot. This goal seemed to put more confidence into the Navy, and they were very nearly scoring a second goal, when the outside right put in a shot which hit the underneath of the crossbar and rebounded into play.

Half time came with the Selected leading by 2 goals to 1, after a very good and evenly contested first half.

Midfield Play.
Play during the opening stages of the second half was confined to midfield.

The Navy were the first to attack. Northey gained possession and from a beautiful solo run down the field, during which time he beat three men, scored with a well placed shot which gave the goalie no chance.

Excitement was now at a high pitch, with both teams striving to gain the lead, and some thrilling tussles in front of goal resulted.
Gosano went very near with a nice header which hit the top of the upright and rebounded into play. The Navy now had most of the field time and again. Northey had hard luck with a shot which the goalie saved at the expense of a corner.

The Better Team.

The Navy should have registered a third goal when Jones put in a well placed centre which Evans just headed over. They were now easily the better team, as their attacking and passing was much better than that of the Selected. Northey again got away but was brought down outside the penalty area. From the free kick a beautiful low shot was put in, the goalie diving full length to bring off a wonderful save.

The Selected Side now seemed to improve, and Vernon gaining possession passed to his outside right, whose centre however went out. Shortly after this Suen Kum-shun put in a fine shot which went over. The final whistle came with the score 2 each, and the Navy, on the day's play, slightly the better team.

Result:—
Selected Side 2
The Navy 2

Division I.

QUEEN'S REGT. V. SOUTH CHINA.

Played at Chatham Road, Kowloon.

Queen's Regt.—Moss, Bunn, Hooper, Buryne, Morris, Canter, Dodds, Taylor, Caldecott, Barclay, Herriage.
South China.—Pau Kim, Li Tim-sang, Leung Wing-chen, Lung Wing-tak, Tang Wah-hing, Ling Yan-chen, Ko Sik-wai, Lay Ting-chen, Tin Yak-on, Ip Pak-wah, Fung Man-kit.

This game started with the Queen's facing the breeze and playing with the slope, and South China early attacked through their left wing and forced a corner, which however, was well cleared by Moss. South China attacked spiritedly and came very near scoring, but Moss and Hooper were in good form and the Army side kept their citadel intact. The Queen's then got away and Herriage moving on the left wing scored for Caldecott to open the scoring. The Queen's leading at the interval by 1 goal to nil.

In the second half the Queen's, with the wind in their favour, pressed heavily, and Barclay scored an early goal after good combination by the forwards.

South China appeared to lose spirit, and Caldecott scored a nice goal after China had been penalised, the goalie touching the ball, but the force of the shot being too much for him.

The same player scored Queen's fourth goal after a very weak clearance by the China goalie, and Taylor, after good work by Dodds, scored the fifth.

Queen's were now all over their opponents and only good work by the China backs and goalie prevented a big score.

Caldecott again got going and scored with a nice header with the defence well beaten.

Excepting for occasional dashes, the Queen's were always on top and only sterling defence by the visitors' goalie and back kept the military side out. The final whistle blew with the Queen's easy winners by 6 goals to nil.

A Good Game.
The game was a good one, and the Queen's although without Larkin and Richardson, played a very strong game. Moss and Hooper were very clever in defence and Morris at centre half was a big factor. Dodds, who deputised for Larkin, was a success, and Caldecott in the centre was much better than on the wing, and gave a very good display of centre-forward work, and by scoring four goals justified his new position.

Queen's played all over the Chinese, who after the first half were never in the picture, and six goals does not flatter the Regimental side.

For South China the goalie saved some hot ones, and Leung Wing-chen, Ling Yan-chen, Ko Sik-wai and Ip Pak-wah were very prominent and kept trying all the time, but South China caught the Queen's on their off day and were never really dangerous except on occasions when the right wing, who were very active, gave Hooper a chance to display good form in the Queen's defences.

Junior Division "A."

KOWLOON RES. V. CHINA ATH.

Played on the Kowloon A.F.C. ground.

Teams:—Kowloon:—Slipper; Bliss, Pasco; Roberts, Blacklock, Dunnett; Nicholls, Coates, Spary, Muir, Eastman.

Chinese Athletic:—Lau Ching; Lo Wai-man; Wong Ping; Chan Chan-hing; Teol Ping-fan; Ho Ching; Cheung Kam; Lai Kwok; Ip Kau-ko; Chan Woon-tai; Lo Fong.

The game started in the presence of a very large crowd, the Athletic commencing aggressively. Slipper being called upon to save very early. Kowloon gradually got the measure of their opponents and Muir bursting through, Nicholls had only to tap the ball into the net, leaving the Chinese goalie helpless, the home team leading by 1 goal at the interval.

In the second half Kowloon pressed heavily and the Chinese goalie was penalised for carrying, and Kowloon found the net, but no goal resulted, as the ball had entered without touching an opponent.

Kowloon, however, came again, and Coates scored a fine goal, giving Lau no chance. Chinese Athletic tried hard and Slipper had to stop a teaser from Lai Kwok and just towards the end Ip Kau nearly got through, but was hustled off the ball in the danger area, and Bliss cleared.

Kowloon Reserves played well, and Muir, Spary, Dunnett and Bliss were very prominent for the home side, while the Athletic were well served by Lau Ching, Lo Wai-man, Teol Ping-fan and Ip Kau-ko. Kowloon were very active and played the right game, putting plenty of dash into their play and gave a much improved display.

R.A. RESERVES V. H.K.F. CLUB.

As the Club team failed to put in an appearance, the R.A. gain the two points.

Division II "B."

SCOUTS V. SOUTH CHINA "A."

This game, played at Happy Valley, resulted in a win for South China by 2 goals to 1. In the first half Li Kum-hee scored for South China. In the second half Ng Pok-yuk increased South China's lead, and Wing Ky-lung scored for the Scouts.

Result:—
Scouts 1
South China "A" 2

Friendly Match.

KOWLOON V. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

Teams:—

Kowloon:—Angus, Wheeler, Dodson, Hedley, Duncan, Guest, Pile, Terman, Coates, A. N. Other, Miles, "Hawkins"—Drury, Elliot, Dix, Lock, Hulbert, Grierson; Robson, Nash, Smith, Noble, Kirkby.
This friendly match at Kowloon attracted a good crowd and a very interesting game was seen in which the Naval side, who were without Voller, who was assisting the Navy against the Interport team, gave a good display.

Only good defence by Kowloon kept the "Hawkins" out in the first half, the interval arriving with no score.

In the second half the Naval side did well, and Smith, the centre forward, scored a good goal, the Kowloon defence fumbling.

For the home side Andy Duncan made a welcome reappearance and played well and Wheeler, Angus and Pile were in form; while for the "Hawkins" Dix, Lock, Noble and Smith were very prominent, the "Hawkins" giving a good display.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

England will play South China today on the H.K.F.C. ground at 3.45 p.m.

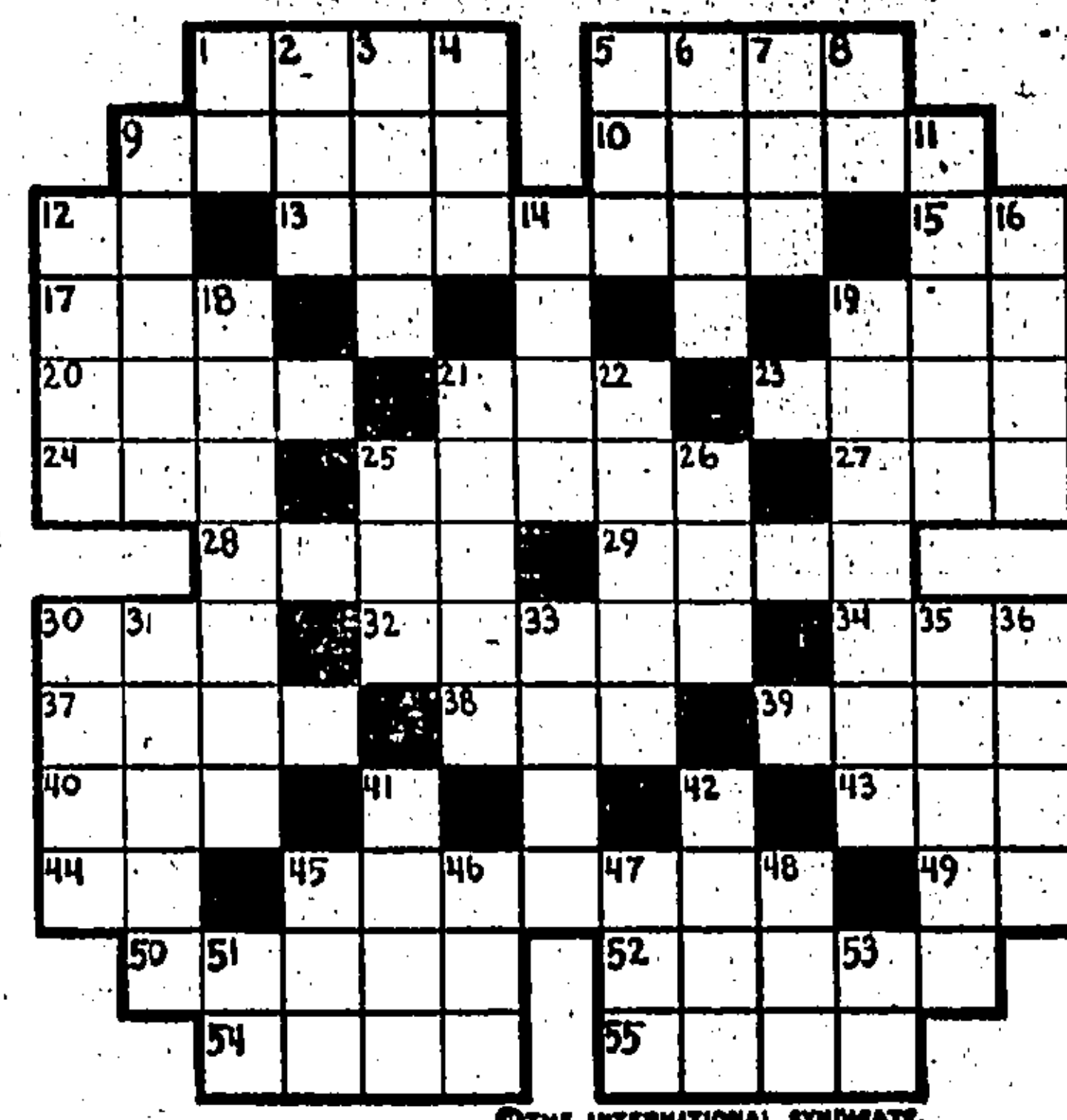
Owing to injuries to Larking (Queen's), C. Pile (Kowloon) will play on the right wing—Sims (Kowloon) will captain England.

SERVICES' CHARITY MATCH.

The annual charity match in aid of Naval and Military Charities, Royal Navy v. the Army, will be held at Sookumpoo on Saturday, December 31, kick-off at 4 p.m.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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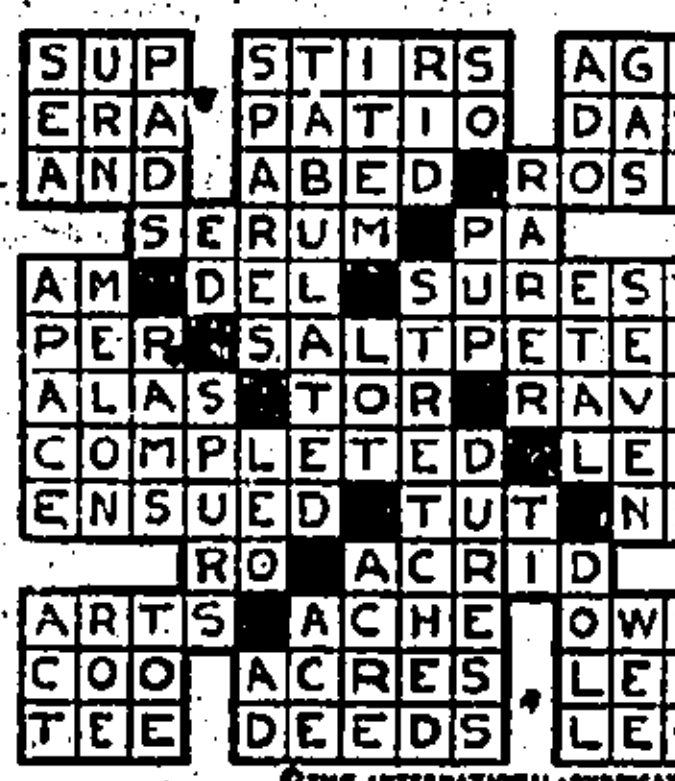
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| HORIZONTAL
1-By word of mouth
5-To hurt
10-Agreable odor
10-Material which forms tusks
12-Pronoun
13-To lay down
15-Preparation
17-A title
19-Bristly seed case
20-A kind of cheese
21-Possessive pronoun
23-Companion
24-A series
25-Contracted for the services of
27-An article
28-A frog
29-Holy season
30-Close friend
32-A closed automobile
34-To utter
37-Old
38-Combining form
Six | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
39-A small chamber
40-Guided
43-An old French coin
44-Prefix meaning—"in"
45-A fish-eating bird
48-A point of the compass (abbr.)
50-Part of the stomach of an ox
52-In the midst of
54-To the inside of
55-A Roman Emperor
24-A VERTICAL
1-Conjunction
2-A measure of length
3-So be it
4-To lick up
5-Possessive pronoun
6-Greedy
7-To decay
8-A title (abbr.)
9-Apart
11-Lad | VERTICAL (Cont.)
12-Employ
14-Across
16-To release from bondage
18-Produced sharp rapid noises
19-Conflicts
21-Stows away
22-To loosen
23-Possessive
25-Habitat of a lion
26-Without color
28-A deputy
29-Prefix
30-On the line of
32-Adhesive substance
41-Orled
43-A pastime
45-To fasten
46-Latin for "lion"
47-Is able to
48-And not
51-A State in the U. S. (abbr.)
55-Negative answer |
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SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. There will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

The Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" will play and also the Pipe Band of the 2/Scots Guards.
The Army team is as follows:—C.S.M. Anderson, 2/K.O.S.B., Sgt. Hooper and Pte. Bunn, 1/Queen's Regt. Pte. Everest, 2/K.O.S.B., S/Sgt. Sims, R.A.S.C., Gds. Casswell, 2/Scots Guards, Pte. Larkin, 1/Queen's Guards, MacNiven, 2/Scots Guards, Bdr. Pulford, R.A., Sgt. McGlinchey, 2/K.O.S.B. and Rev. Alexander, R.A. Ch. Dept. (captain). Reserves: Gds. Hurst, 2/Scots Guards, Sgt. Norris, 1/Queen's Pte. Stock, 2/K.O.S.B., 2/Corpl. Barclay, 1/Queen's Regt.

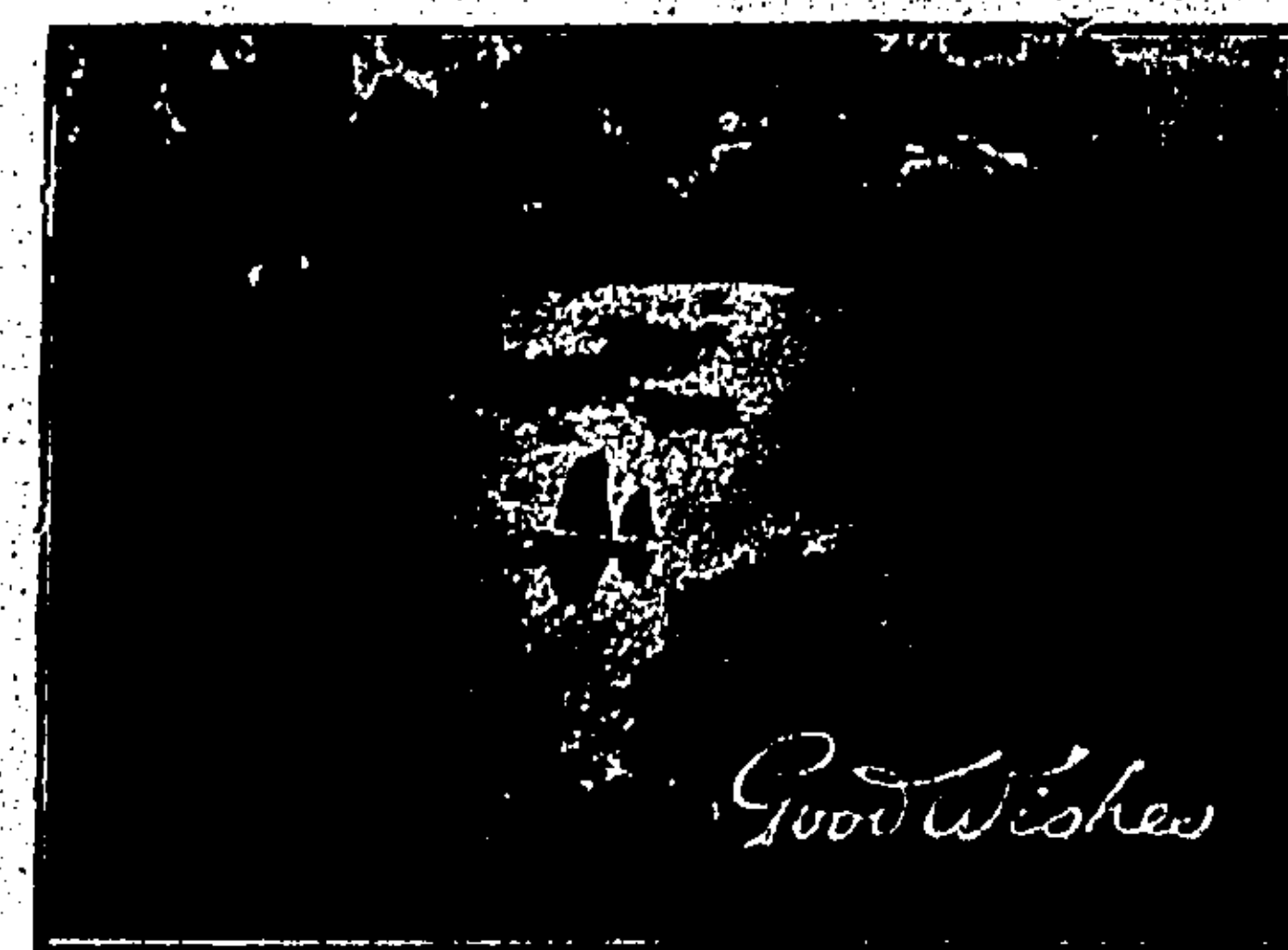
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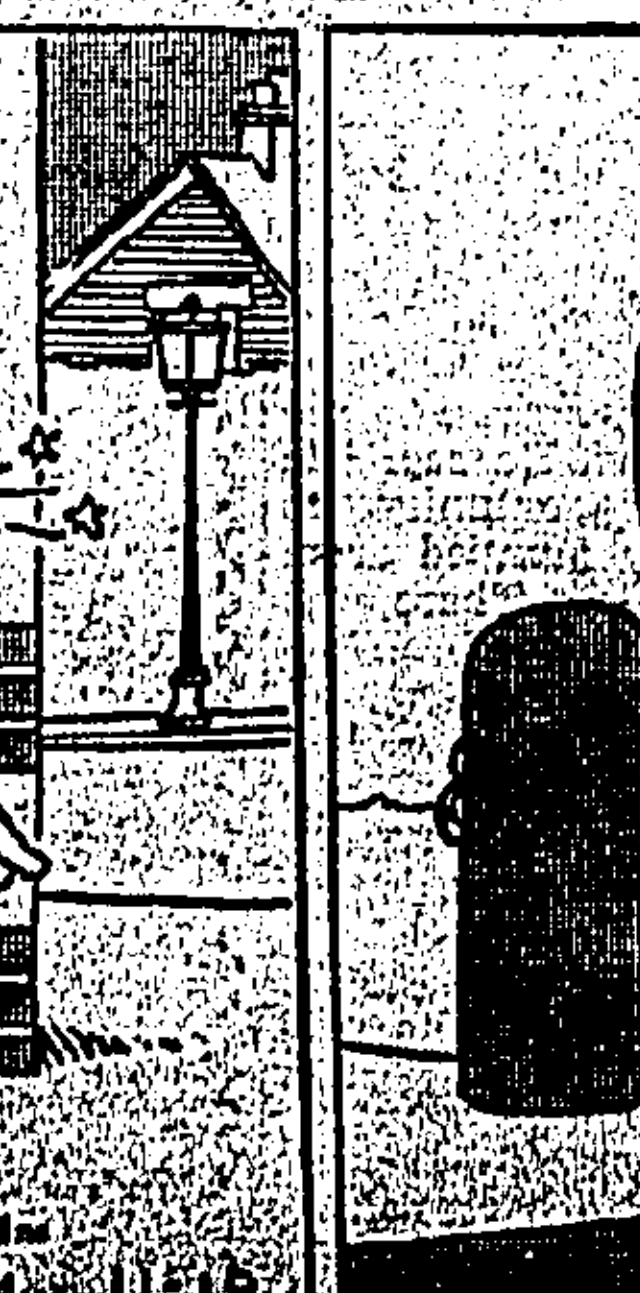
THE HAT'S ALL RIGHT—
IT'S YOU THAT DON'T
LOOK GOOD—YOU'RE
GOING TO WEAR IT!
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YOU IN THAT HIGH
HAT—YOU LOOK
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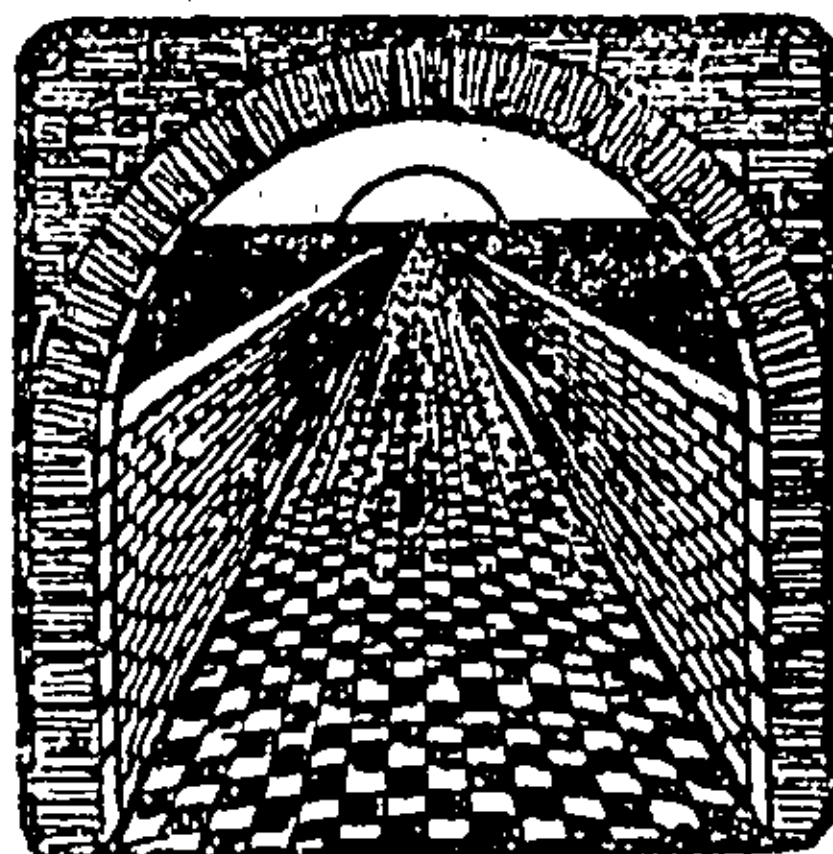


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LAWN BOWLS.

KOWLOON DOCK CLUB CLOSING.

A RECORD SEASON.

A season unique in the history of the lawn bowls at the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club was brought to a successful conclusion on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a very large gathering of ladies and gentlemen, the latter including three officials of the Lawn Bowls Association in Messrs. R. Sutherland, Chairman, A. O. Brown, Hon. Treasurer, and C. J. Tacchi, Hon. Secretary. The Club won the League championship for the first time, the Open Singles Championship for the third time in succession, and has taken more than a notable part in the tournament at the premier Club—the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

The afternoon's processions commenced with a series of friendly rink games—of which there were no fewer than seven invitations having been extended to sister Clubs to send teams of four. In the result the visiting teams came out on top by 109 shots to 98—a majority of only 11.

The scores were:—

H.K.L.B.A.	K.D.R.C.
Tacchi	Scott
Brown	Cock
Sutherland	Keith
(Skip) .15	(Skip) .14
Talkoo R.C.	K.D.R.C.
Chalmers	Neilson
Sloan	Henderson
Laing	McLaggan
Morrison	Gray
(Skip) .15	(Skip) .14
Civil Service	K.D.R.C.
Dobbie	Hoare
Smith	Crookdale
Maughan	Warren
Hill	Punchon
(Skip) .22	(Skip) .18
Craigengower	K.D.R.C.
Brightman	Docherty
Razack	Coleman
Beer	Hedley
Bennett	Cullen
(Skip) .14	(Skip) .9
K.B.G.C.	K.D.R.C.
Magill	Atkinson
Harvey	Ramsay
Russell	Lindsay
Macfarlane	Brown
(Skip) .17	(Skip) .7
Bobbies	K.D.R.C.
Glendinning	Farrell
Reid	W. Brown
Moss	Wylie
Mair	Gow
(Skip) .12	(Skip) .18
K.C.C.	K.D.R.C.
Hyde	Goodman
Hirst	Dixon
Fraser	Greig
Lammert	Lapsley
(Skip) .14	(Skip) .18

An enjoyable afternoon tea was served at an appropriate interval.

Presentation of Prizes.
At the close the members, visitors and the ladies assembled round a table on which was a most formidable array of silver ware, making a most tempting display—and an envious one to those who had not figured in the tournament list of prize winners.

Mr. George Duncan, President of the Dock Recreation Club, said that his first duty was to thank those who had come in such large numbers on the occasion of the closing of the bowling green for another season. He hoped that they had enjoyed themselves—the men at least, for the ladies were only looking on. It was a further pleasure to point to the fact that for the first time in their history they were closing the season with the League championship flag flying above them. (Applause). They had a record season throughout and one of which they were all justifiably proud. They could also congratulate themselves on the fact that a member of the Club had won the Open Singles Championship for the third year in succession—a feat that was accomplished by Messrs. F. Cullen, A. Gourlay, and R. Lapsley. (Applause). They had also won a good share of the prizes at the K.B.G.C. The only matter for regret was that they had not won the Spey Royal Cup. They sent out a team to meet Talkoo, and he had heard that, as usual, quite a number had waited in the Club-house for their return till late in the evening, only to find that they all had gone straight to their homes! He could not say what the Talkoo players had done to them, and so he could leave it to their imagination. (Laughter). He had one pleasant duty to perform and that was to thank most heartily the generous donors of the large array of prizes that they saw displayed there. (Applause). He had also on behalf of the players, to thank those ladies who had so ably looked after the tea during the Summer. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Duncan then called upon Mrs. Cock to present the prizes, souvenir cups to the League players, and silver spoons to the players in the winning rinks that afternoon.

The League players of the Club honoured comprised Messrs. Cullen, Lindsay, Ramsay, Atkinson, McLaggan, Lapsley, Brown, Gray, Henderson, Punchon, Neilson, Coleman, Docherty, Simpson, Keith, Goodman, Kemp-ton, and Cooper.

Prize List.
The following is the prizes presented in the Club competitions: Club Championship:—Presented by Mr. E. Cock, 1st prize, R.

HORNELL CUP RACE.

CHOPPY SEA HOLDS UP EVENT.

DATE TO BE FIXED.

On account of the choppy sea on Saturday afternoon, the annual "Hornell" race for the Hornell Cup, which was to have taken place at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, and in which crews representing the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and the Hong Kong Electric Company were to compete was postponed.

Officials went out in row boats to inspect the course, covering a distance of one mile, and upon return to the Clubhouse decided that it was advisable to call the race off until a date to be fixed later. This resulted in a fair gathering of enthusiasts being unavoidably disappointed.

Several of the more daring spirits, however, went out for a little cruise in yachts within the limits of the harbour.

Lapsley; presented by Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co., 2nd prize, C. Atkinson; presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., 3rd prize, J. A. Lindsay.

Handicap Singles:—Presented by Mr. R. M. Dyer, 1st prize, F. Cullen; 2nd prize, E. Docherty; presented by Mr. J. Johnson, 3rd prize, R. J. Dixon.

Three Bowls Handicap:—Presented by the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, 1st prize, R. Lapsley; presented by Messrs. Sanderson and Annette, 2nd prize, S. Gray; presented by Mr. H. H. Scott, 3rd prize, H. G. Cooper.

Handicap Pairs:—Presented by Messrs. Vellings and Tully, and the K. D. R. Club, 1st prize, D. S. Neilson and H. G. Cooper; presented by the K.D.R. Club, 2nd prize, C. Atkinson; presented by the K.D.R. Club, 2nd prize, W. Greig.

Mrs. Cock was presented with a handsome bouquet of flowers and thanked by Mr. Duncan on behalf of the Club for presenting the prizes, to which she briefly responded, stating that Mr. Duncan was wrong in saying that the ladies could not have enjoyed themselves as well as the men, although it was rather cold towards the close. (Laughter).

Mr. Morrison replied on behalf of the visitors to the welcome extended by the Chairman. In regard to the latter's reference to the Spey Royal Cup match he laughingly mentioned that he would like to refute it as the Kowloon Dock team signed only fifty cents worth of cents! So, if they went straight home that night it could not be laid at the door of Talkoo. (Laughter).

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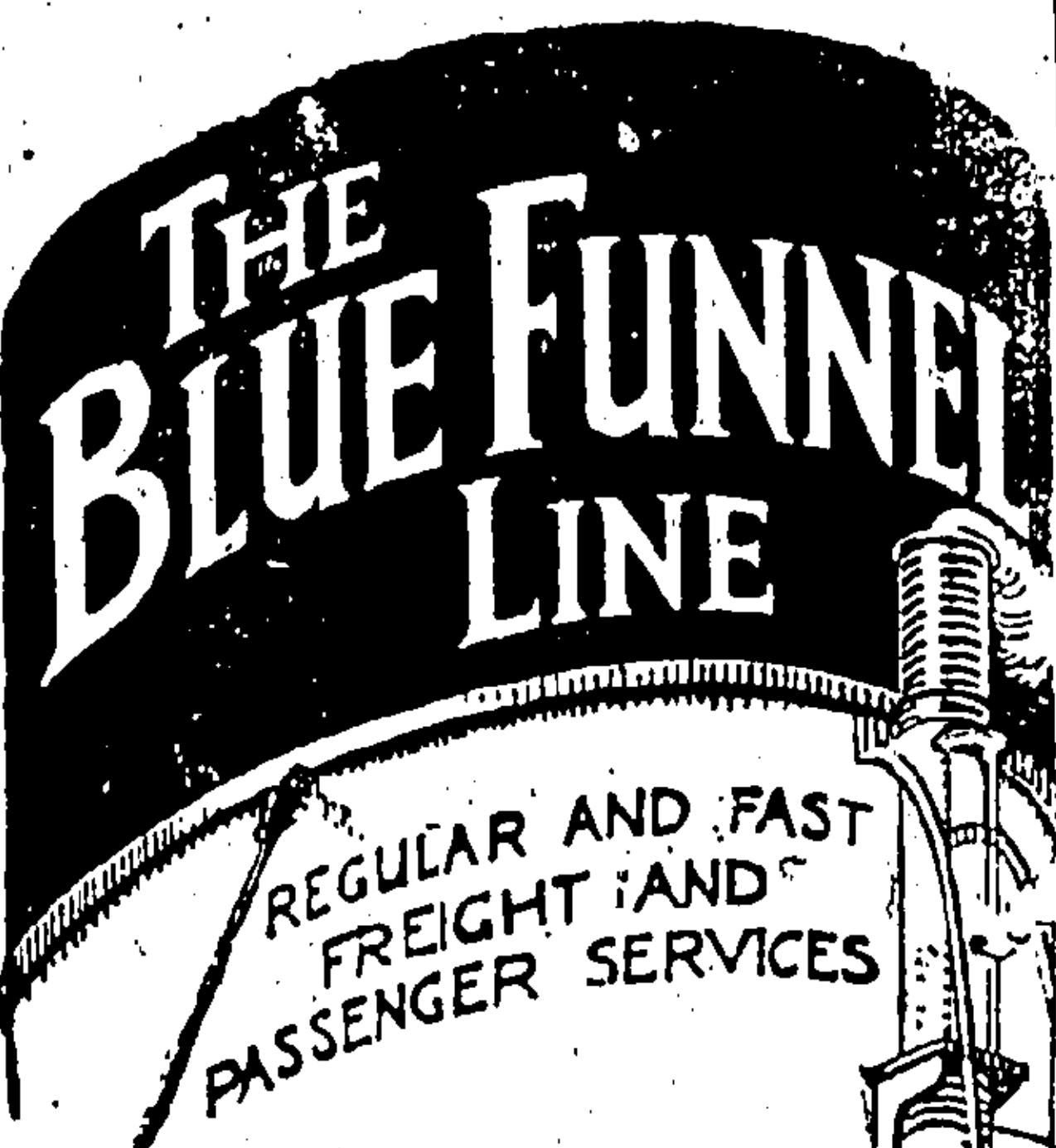
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JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Treaty of Commerce Mooted.

MANCHURIAN INTERESTS.

Movement To Secure Economic Co-operation.

Shanghai, Dec. 10.
Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara receiving local newspaper men to-day concerning the object of the investigation by his party of the economic conditions in Russia and the necessity of economic co-operation between Japan and Russia, said:

"Through there are some who have a prejudice against Soviet Russia, we are not at all prejudiced against her, and intend to approach Russia in order to lay a solid foundation for co-operation and friendship between the two nations."

"I believe, therefore, that the mission of our party will have an important effect on the furtherance of friendly relations between Japan and Russia. I desire that Japan conclude a treaty of commerce with the Soviet Government after we have fully investigated economic conditions in this country. I hope also that Japanese business men will, in case of need and if possible, make large investments for business with Russia."

Economic Relations.

"The development of economic life in Russia would bring about closer economic relations between the two countries. With the development of national resources of Russia, Russia will feel the necessity of making agreements with Japan in Manchuria and Saghalien. Especially, in South Manchuria, I believe it is instructive for the two countries to co-operate. Especially, in view of the conflict of interests between Russia and Japan in that district, I feel it absolutely necessary for the two countries to act in concert under good understanding."—Toho.

BANK OUTRAGE.

TWO KILLED, MANY HURT BY BOMB.

BUENOS AIRES' "REDS."

Buenos Aires, Saturday.
Several bank employees were among the 15 injured in a bomb explosion at the local branch of the National City Bank. The premises were badly damaged. It was similar to the explosion at the First National City Bank at Boston and both explosions are believed to be the work of Communists. They occurred simultaneously at noon when the banks were full of customers.—Reuter.

It now transpires that two were killed and 20 injured in the bomb outrages. Mr. Little, manager of the National City Bank and five clerks were injured.—Reuter's American Service.

BAD FOR UNIONS.

EFFECTS OF BRITAIN'S BIG STRIKE.

Lahore, Sunday.
Figures indicating the effect of the general strike and coal-mining stoppage on the membership and finances of Trade Unions are given in the return of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1926. The statistics show there were 577 registered Trade Unions with a total membership of 4,190,147 in Great Britain at the end of 1926 compared with 6,981,750 in 1920, when membership reached its peak. Funds of the Unions fell from £12,747,000 at the beginning of the year to £8,650,000.—Reuter.

SOVIET IN POLAND.

COMMUNIST ROUND UP IN WARSAW.

Warsaw, Saturday.
The political police have rounded up Communists in various centres here. These include Soviet ringleaders and emissaries, one being the ex-Commissary Wadzicki. Several secret printing presses have been discovered, tons of seditious literature confiscated and copies of correspondence with Moscow seized.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

£11,461 Profit Made Last Year.

AVIATION PROGRESS.

Increased Empire Air Route Subsidy Urged.

London, Dec. 2.
"This is the most important turning-point in the progress of British commercial aviation," said Sir Eric Geddes, presiding at the third annual general meeting of Imperial Airways, Ltd.

There was a net profit of £11,461 for the year ending March 31 last, compared with a loss of £20,414 during the preceding year.

Sir Eric urged Government to adopt a courageous policy by assisting in the establishment of Empire air routes.

It was inconceivable that the business world would not pay well for a postal service whereby an answer could be received to a letter sent to India or to South Africa in the time at present taken for the outward delivery.

He declared that during the past year 92 per cent. of the flights had been completed to schedule in Europe and 100 per cent. in the Middle East.

Over the total incoming mail from Iraq was now carried by air.

Sir Eric mentioned that the company was negotiating with the Irish Free State regarding an air service to Ireland.

The meeting adopted a resolution urging Government to increase the subsidy.—Reuter.

WRITER ASSAULTED.

NEARLY THROWN INTO A LAKE.

POLISH POLITICS.

Warsaw, Sunday.
The playwright, Nowaczynski, who is also a leaderwriter for the conservative Press against the present regime, was visited last evening by two civilians and another man uniformed as a senior police officer, who produced a warrant showing he was required at the State Attorney's office. Nowaczynski entered a taxi and was driven to the outskirts of the city, where he was brutally set on and beaten with rubber clubs and the butts of revolvers.

The assailants apparently intended to throw him into a lake, to which they were dragging him, but were frightened by the attentions of passers-by and made off in taxis.

The conservative Press which stigmatised the incident as "Mexican methods of fighting opponents," threatened reprisals and had its issues confiscated. The Government has announced that the affair will be investigated and the criminals severely punished.—Reuter.

FIREMEN KILLED.

BIG OUTBREAK IN GLASGOW.

London, Sunday.
Four firemen were killed in Glasgow during a fire which destroyed a five-storey warehouse in Graham Square in the Gallowgate district on Christmas Eve.—Reuter.

Child's Warning.

"Santa Claus scratchin' matches," a phrase uttered by a four-year old boy while climbing the staircase of a tenement building in Graham Square, which commands a view of the district, was the first warning of fire received by a policeman. He immediately summoned the fire brigade, who were holding a Christmas party.

The blaze was so menacing that the fire master ordered 50 families to vacate their homes. Tons of valuable machinery fell through the upper floors of the destroyed building.

The firemen were temporarily called off in view of the dangerous situation, and it was only when a roll call was taken that it was discovered that four firemen were buried in the ruins.—Reuter.

VITAL BLOOD TEST.

Decides Paternity Case Judgment.

PERJURY CHARGE.

State Doctors At Wurtemberg Conduct Inquiry.

Berlin, Dec. 3.
A Court of Justice, for the first time in Germany, has delivered a judgment based on a blood test, in a paternity case.

A man, woman and child were submitted to a test by State doctors at Wurtemberg.

The doctors reported that the man and woman belonged to a certain blood class and the child belonged to another blood class. As the blood class to which the child belonged existed in neither the man nor the woman, the child must have acquired that characteristic from another person.

The man was acquitted. The woman was found guilty of perjury and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.—Reuter.

WHITE CHRISTMAS.

FIVE MILLION TONS OF SNOW.

DRIFTS 7 FEET HIGH.

London, Yesterday.
Like Wenceslas Londoners found that the first Christmas snowstorm for 21 years had supplied snow "deep, crisp, and even." It is calculated that five million tons fell in Greater London.

Most people stayed at home. Those compelled to sally forth slithered and squelched through the morass.

There were drifts seven feet high in the north Downs in Surrey and some roads were completely blocked.

Three buses and one lorry were buried near Guilford. Efforts to dig them out were unavailing. All public clocks in Guilford were stopped.—Reuter.

Pope's Message.

Rome, Sunday.
The Pope, replying to Christmas greetings from the Sacred College, said he rejoiced at the appointment of the first Japanese bishop, but was sorry for the savage episodes, cruelties and atrocities in Mexico, Russia and China. It seemed impossible that all Governments should not rise and put an end to them. Happy America.

New York, Sunday.
Christmas is being celebrated most enthusiastically. Holly tied with red ribbon to Christmas trees illuminated by multi-coloured lights are to be seen everywhere. It is estimated that over 3,000,000 holiday makers are flocking from New York.

The theatres, hotels and cabarets are booked full to capacity.

Turkeys are very plentiful and plum puddings from England are greatly in demand as, owing to prohibition they compare most favourably with the native variety. Bootleggers are very active in circularising clients announcing the receipt of fresh "merchandise."—Reuter's American Service.

OUTLAWING WAR.

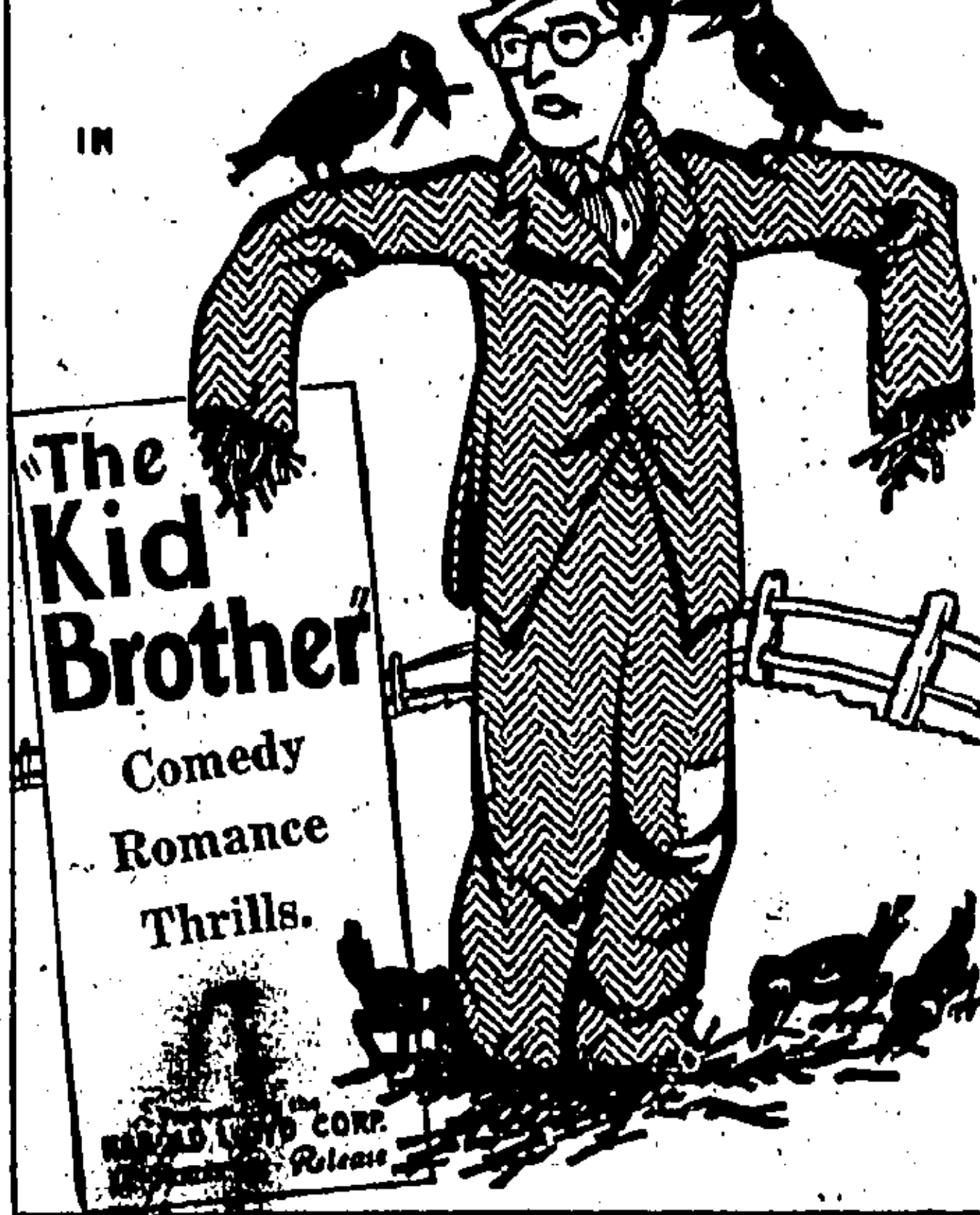
SENATOR BORAH AND FRANCE.

Washington, Saturday.
The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate has recently been examining M. Briand's proposal for a treaty outlawing a Franco-American war.

Senator Borah, Chairman of the Committee, suggested that M. Briand should be asked to extend the proposal to include other world powers. He would like to see the United States take the initiative in this regard and open negotiations similar to the treaty with Britain, France and Italy.

It is well known, however, that President Coolidge and most of the Republican party are opposed to holding any world conference of leading nations on the outlawry of war. President Coolidge is strongly of the opinion that the power of Congress to declare war cannot be circumscribed by treaty, and although he has often expressed willingness to discuss means of outlawing war, well-informed circles believe there is very little chance of Senator Borah's suggestion ever being put into practice.—Reuter's American Service.

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